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WORSE FAMINE IN HORN OF AFRICA'S HISTORY THREATENS 12 MILLION: KHARTOUM, Sudan (EP) — Political instability in the Horn of Africa has complicated what is the region's worst famine in history where 12 million face starvation, experts say. International observers agree that the famine conditions are the worst in the history of Sudan, Ethiopia, and Somalia. Large scale assistance is coming to the region from Christian agencies in the West, including, among others, Mercy Corps International and Samaritan's Purse. Samaritan's Purse has shipped 500 metric tons of grain and 10 metric tons of canola oil to Ethiopia, where civil war recently ended with the overthrow of the government by rebel troops. The suffering has been complicated with the influx of more Ethiopian refugees in the north and Sudanese returnees from southern Ethiopia who have fled the recent political instability there. Voluntary agencies are establishing clinics and nutrition centers in the campus. The Sudan Council of Churches, Fellowship for African Relief, Sudan Call, and other Christian organizations are distributing commodities from Mercy Corps around Khartoum, Omdurman, and other regions of the country.

TEN NEW CHURCHES, GOAL FOR THAILAND: The Thailand Baptist Mission, working with the Thailand Baptist Churches Association, has set a goal of establishing 10 new churches of 100-plus members by the year 2000, according to Maxine Stewart, missionary press representative, in Bangkok and other key cities. In the predominantly Buddhist country, only five Thai Baptist churches with more than 100 members have resulted from 40 years of missionary labor. The main focus will be directed to reaching business and professional people who can form the solid nucleus of strong, self-sustaining, reproducing churches, said Stewart. Teams of missionaries and Thai nationals will be formed to give maximum effort to this work, and a highly visible place for ministry and worship will be sought for each new church. Several Thai home missionaries have been added in recent years. Now the Thailand Baptist Mission is also requesting three more urban church planters for immediate appointment to Thailand.

EVANGELIZING THE HARD TO REACH will be the theme of a two day conference held at Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., Sept. 30-Oct. 2. Co-sponsored by the Billy Graham Center for World Evangelism and the Evangelism Section of the Home Mission Board, the conference is offered for pastors, directors of missions, lay persons, and staff members. Featured speakers will include: Rick Warren, pastor of Saddlebrook Valley Community Church, Orange County, Calif.; Oscar Romo, director of HMB Language Church Extension Division; Charles Rossel, pastor of First Church, Leesburg, Fla.; Tillie Burgin, minister of missions, First Church, Arlington, Tex.; and Taylor Field, pastor of East Seventh Church, New York City. Conference fee is \$75, and limited scholarships are available through the Evangelism Section of the Home Mission Board on a "first-come, first-served" basis. The fee will include materials, registration, and four meals. For registration and scholarship information, call the seminary at 1-800-626-5525.

UKRAINIAN BIBLE SOCIETY FOUNDED: NEW YORK, July 5, 1991 (ABS) — The Ukrainian Bible Society has become the latest Bible Society to be founded in the Soviet Union. On June 22, in Kiev, the capital of Ukraine, 79 delegates from a broad range of churches unanimously adopted statutes, based on the model provided by the United Bible Societies, to establish the Ukrainian Bible Society.

DILLARD TAKES NEW POST WITH RTVC: FORT WORTH, Texas (BP) — Douglas "Doug" Dillard has been appointed vice president for external relations of the Radio and Television Commission, effective Aug. 1. Also on Aug. 1, Dillard from Garland, Texas, begins his 24th year as editorial cartoonist for the *Baptist Standard*, Texas Baptists' weekly newsjournal. In the newly-created post at the RTVC, Dillard, 62, will be responsible for development, public relations, and counseling. Married 38 years, he's the father of three grown children. He is a deacon and Bible teacher at First Church, Richardson.

HARVEY ASSUMES LEADERSHIP ROLE AT CAREY: Major General Paul Harvey will join William Carey College in an executive leadership role effective Sept. 1, following his retirement as commander of Keesler Air Force base in Biloxi. Harvey is being appointed as a special assistant to the president and executive-in-residence on that date. His role will be primarily related to foundation and major gift support for the college, including its new MBA program in executive leadership. He will also teach management and leadership courses. He and his wife, Lynne, have chosen Gulfport as their permanent residence. He holds a master's degree in management from Central Michigan University and a bachelor of business degree from Miami University in Ohio. He entered the Air Force in 1959 and has served throughout the world, including a number of assignments in Washington, D.C. Notably, before taking command at Keesler he was the commander of the 322nd Airlift Division and the deputy chief of staff for airlift forces, U.S. Air Forces in Europe. General Harvey is a command pilot with over 5,000 flying hours in various aircraft including 160 combat missions in Vietnam, Laos, and Thailand.

FOREIGN MISSION BOARD BEGINS TOLL-FREE INFORMATION LINE: RICHMOND, Va. (BP) — Southern Baptists now can dial a toll-free telephone number, 1-800-866 — FMB1, for information about foreign missions. The 800 line will offer information about missionaries, their addresses and countries where they work, mission service opportunities, and mission products for use in churches. It also will feature seasonal or topical information, such as mission emphases during the fall when churches highlight the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for foreign missions. Southern Baptists wanting current mission prayer requests should continue to call the board's toll-free PrayerLine, 1-800-395-PRAY.

Jackson pastor teaches how to live in victory, grow in God

By Shannon T. Simpson

For many people, having their fingers in too many pies is an exercise in frustration. Not so for Claude Townsend, pastor of the small Metro Baptist Church in south Jackson, and president and founder of the American School of Counseling (ASC).

To the former president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, staying busy with many ministries is the way to allow the Lord to work through him.

In addition to the responsibilities of a pastorate and the counseling school, Townsend counsels privately with clients, travels to counsel with others outside Mississippi, teaches at the Immanuel Baptist Theological Seminary (a privately-funded Baptist seminary) in Atlanta once a month, and oversees nationwide involvement of fellows with the All-India Prayer Fellowship (which has 1,600 native missionaries) and its Bible Institute, from which he holds an honorary doctorate. He also conducts seminars for pastors on counseling and renewal, and organizes Christian Support groups based on Scripture and the 12 Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous. On top of that, he maintains a resource library made available to ASC and Immanuel Seminary students — many of the video tapes in the library were made by Townsend himself. Then, there are the books Townsend has written — a counseling series of 23 which will soon be translated into Korean and Spanish, already printed in Indic languages.

Townsend says he does all these things and more, not only to teach people how to win others to the Lord, but "how to live a life in victory." One of the courses he teaches is titled "How to Live in Victory," and includes the principles of dealing with guilt, acceptance, and fasting.

Living in victory is a very real bat-

We need to . . . praise the Lord by what we ARE, not just what we DO. — Townsend

tle for most Christians and some members of Metro Church. The membership of 50 grew out of the counseling center's clientele. Many joined Metro Church after working to overcome dysfunctional family backgrounds. The congregation has had 20 professions of faith and baptized nine since January 1.

The church was organized in April 1989, and emphasizes discipling through a unique program called "spiritual parenting," implemented among the membership. Based on the activity of the first century church, Townsend says the program works to disciple new members through one-on-one relationships, similar to a "sponsorship," in accordance with 2



Claude and Louise Townsend

Timothy 2:2. Metro Church also hosts 2-3 Christian support groups meetings weekly.

"We are all so busy. We have to realize that we can't do without being," says Townsend. Citing Ephesians 1:12, he says we need to simply be to the praise of his glory; to praise the Lord by what we are, not only by what we do.

That message is central to what Townsend would like to teach pastors and others who counsel. "There is too much emphasis on ministering to someone else, not ourselves," he says. Baptists and Baptist pastors are particularly vulnerable to neglecting their own needs, because of the focus on evangelizing others.

"We keep up with the three B's, (baptisms, building, and budgets) and we lose the internal growth. We need as much internal growth as we do external growth."

To that end, ASC offers correspondence courses for certification, licensing, or instructor's level programs. The courses are transferable to Immanuel Seminary, so students can also earn bachelors', masters', or doctoral degrees.

"Half the people who come through the school do so to resolve their own conflicts," Townsend says. "The two main goals of the school are to help people resolve their own conflicts, and to help them deal with the conflicts of others."

Townsend believes this attention to personal growth is part of the process of putting off the old man, putting on the new man of Ephesians 4:22-24. Speaking of the church in general, he says, "We need to be more open, according to James 5:16. The closer we are to God, the more transparent we become. But that is what Christ's sacrifice did for us — made us acceptable to him, enabling us to put on the new man."

This is the major objective of Townsend's ministries, he claims. With courses, seminars, resource materials, correspondence studies, Christian support groups, and private practice for applying the biblical principles of an intimate relationship with Christ and relationships with others, Townsend hopes that God will achieve through him the task of making every Christian a "counselor."

How to handle disappointment

By Louis Lamar

Disappointment in life is as certain as death and paying taxes. It inevitably will happen to everyone. It could be the kid dropping his triple dip ice cream cone as he steps outside of Baskin Robbins, or Mom's cake that she is baking for her daughter's birthday falls and the party is only minutes away, or perhaps the raise that would permit the purchase of your first new home doesn't materialize because of budget cuts. The scenarios are endless. But how do we respond when our bubble has been busted, when our expectations were at their zenith?



Lamar

Perhaps Paul has a word for us today on how we should respond to disappointment. Paul, after all, became somewhat of an expert on handling disappointment. After the church in Antioch commissioned Paul and Barnabas for missionary service, disappointment seemed to lurk around every corner waiting for him.

As Paul began his second missionary journey, he and Barnabas disagreed over taking John Mark, causing a painful split and disappointment. After this split, we find Paul beaten and imprisoned in Philippi, chased out of Thessalonica, and just when things appear to be improving in Berea, he is on the skids again. We now find Paul alone in Athens, obviously disappointed. He only ended up in Macedonia because of his obedience to the Holy Spirit, and nothing has gone right since. Paul is now in Athens disappointed and with a wounded spirit when he notices that Athens is wholly given over to idolatry.

Paul looked past his personal problems to his commitment to the Lord. Paul went to the synagogue and began talking with the Jews and Gentiles he found there (Acts 17:16-29). It wasn't long before Paul again began "street witnessing." It was while in Athens, in a depressed state, that Paul preached his famous sermon on Mars Hill.

When disappointment and depression compete for the portals of our minds, we should remember whose we are, and remember that no problem is too big for our God.

Lamar is pastor, Mount Sinai Church, Tupelo.

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EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

Guy Henderson

Can we afford not to . . . ?

Education is expensive. Doing without it is more expensive. Many Mississippi families are familiar with "mal-tuition" and the cost is more than many can bear. Even as expensive as it is, it could well be the best bargain in the marketplace.

Christian education is even more important and at times more expensive. The difference may be worth it. You have professors who have dedicated their lives to teaching Christian principles to our youth. Often their salaries do not measure up in comparison with other colleges but still they remain.

Several years ago, Joe H. Tuten, in a commencement address at Mississippi College, said, "The rationale of Christian higher education among Baptists is rooted in nothing less than this awesome and glorious

truth that God reveals himself to man and that it is only through this revelation that man can have any intelligent understanding of God." It is essential that we make Christian education available to the youth of our land. For this cause more than 20 percent of Cooperative Program funds are used in Christian education.

Rich dividends are received by those in our colleges. There is the historic and genuine devotion to the Word of God that will be with them forever. Baptist history and doctrines are emphasized. Friends are made that will enrich their lives, and there is a strong possibility they will marry someone they meet in college. Any student, plus the parents of that student, should take a long look at the future before saying, "We just can't afford it."

The heritage of Christian education

as directed through Blue Mountain College, Clarke College, Mississippi College, and William Carey College, mandates that we continue to strengthen our schools. An old folk song reminds us it's better to build schools than prisons, as if we have the choice. Our forefathers made this choice and built public schools throughout the land. Finishing high school is a good achievement, but now more is needed. Before saying, "I can't," remember there are scholarships available, loans can be arranged, part-time jobs or perhaps a wealthy kinsman can help.

Lord Brougham of London said, "Education makes a people easy to lead, but difficult to drive, easy to govern, but impossible to enslave." For 150 years Baptists have been leaders in promoting higher education in our state. Let's keep it that way.

Controversy: How are Southern Baptists and their agencies responding?

By Maria Sykes Clere

NASHVILLE (BP) — One of the legacies of the decade of controversy in the Southern Baptist Convention is an air of distrust evident in some state conventions. Nowhere is that more apparent than the battle by a number of state convention institutions to sever their legal ties with their states.

Here are four examples.

A recent proposed agreement between the Baptist General Convention of Texas and Baylor University, if approved, could be the settlement to a near year-long battle regarding ownership of the Waco, Texas, school.

Distrust of "fundamentalists" was one of the charges made by Baylor, the largest college affiliated with Southern Baptists, which sought to separate from state convention ownership.

Sept. 21, 1990, Baylor's board of trustees voted to amend the school's charter. The amendment established a board of regents with sole responsibility for governance of the school. Baylor would control the selection of the majority of those regents.

"... Friends, students, and alumni of Baylor can be assured that Baylor will remain true to its historic mission of being the world's finest Christian university and, at the same time, be free from an attempted takeover by any special interest group," said Baylor President Herbert H. Reynolds at the announcement of the action. The motion to change the charter won by a vote of 30 to 7 with one abstention.

The Texas convention responded by escrowing funds normally destined for the university.

Oct. 15, 1990, Furman University's board of trustees voted to amend the Greenville, S.C., university's charter and give the board sole power to elect Furman's trustees.

"This action will enable the state Baptist convention and Furman to

pursue their mutual interests with minimum controversy," said Minor Mickel, chairman of Furman's board. The action to amend the charter required a simple majority vote by trustees in attendance.

July 30, 1991, the board of trustees voted 22-2 to adopt a recommendation proposed by the executive committee that allows the state convention to participate in the selection of the university's trustees.

Furman will recommend 10 names to the convention for the five new trustee positions open each year. The convention then will choose five of the nominees to serve five-year terms on the board. Furman officially will name them.

Dec. 19, 1990, Nashville's Baptist Hospital's trustees approved amendments in the hospital's charter, authorizing the hospital to elect its own trustees. The action was part of the board's plan to "prepare the hospital for the challenges of the 1990s," explained board chairman Guy Bates in a Jan. 7 Baptist Press release.

After extended discussions, the Tennessee Baptist Convention executive board agreed to accept a ten point proposal from Baptist Hospital May 7. The executive board also approved the reduction of allocated Cooperative Program unified budget funds by 2.9 percent.

The Georgia Baptist Convention initiated the Mercer study committee in 1987 to study the financial crisis of the Macon university. In a preliminary report in 1989 the study group asked the trustee selection process be changed so one-third would be nominated by the trustees, one third by the alumni and one third by the GBC.

Currently, the state convention selects each trustee from a list of

three submitted. Nine nominees for the three seats are chosen by alumni. The remaining trustees are chosen by a trustee committee based on recommendations from the university president.

Mercer trustees refused to change the process.

Changes in structures and charters are indications of a growing desire by institutional administrators to have more control over their institutions.

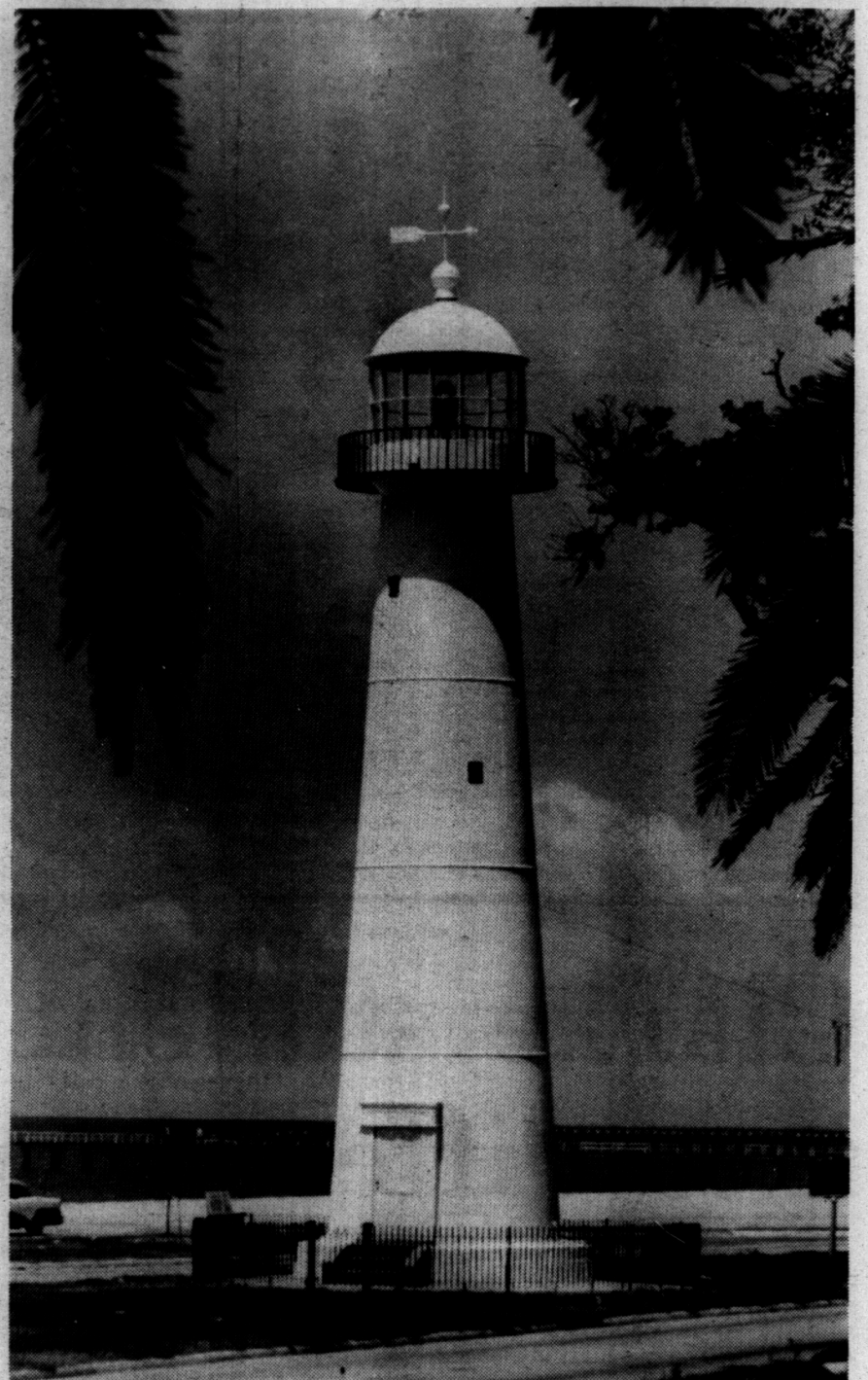
But, in addition, there appeared to be sharp theological and methodological differences between the two groups sparking heated debates, criticism, and paranoia. In attempts to come to an agreement or to simply "get along," communications have turned hostile in some cases.

"It would absolutely kill me to see Baylor fall into their (the Fundamentalists) hands to become their toy, an institution they could play with as a part of their total power play," Reynolds said in a Baptist Press release in May 1988. "My mind is one of doing everything within our power to make sure Baylor stays Baptist and that it is an institution that belongs to the people and not a few power-hungry individuals."

Robert Naylor, chairman of the committee on BGCT-Baylor Relationship, "harshly criticized the action of the Baylor trustees who 'unilaterally severed' the 'covenant' of trust between the BGCT and Baylor. The action was 'surprisingly private if not secretive,' he charged, 'and was a violation of the trust that existed among Texas Baptists,'" a Nov. 15 Baptist Press release said.

Despite the rhetoric, it appears over time Baptists finally find suitable compromises. Not everybody is happy, maybe most are not.

Clere writes for BP.



Biloxi's Lighthouse reminds us of the importance of just one light . . . and also, "the entrance of thy word giveth light."

Show and tell

Each department at the Baptist Building has a display window. This is for "showing" the purpose or products of that particular department. For instance, the goal of the Baptist Building is "Helping to Bring Mississippi and the World to Jesus." You see this the minute you walk in the front door.

A huge relief sculpture, designed by Kenneth Quinn and Sam Gore, Mississippi College Art Department, is across the lobby, with the cross reaching from floor to ceiling. On one side is a sculptured map of the world with "Go, ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost" (Matt. 28:19). A map of Mississippi is on the other side with "Helping to Bring Mississippi and the World to Jesus" etched in script. Gore's beautiful artwork of the head

of Christ is on a pedestal before it all.

Recently Evelyn Keyes decorated the window at the Baptist Record. Outlines of 49 states (sorry, Vermont) where people receive the Baptist Record are in the window along with a globe. The paper is received in 68 countries where we have mission work. Reminders are there to let you know the paper goes to 116,700 subscribers, has 114 years of history, and is dedicated to informing Baptists about missions, churches, and people. For less than the price of a cold drink, (46¢) the paper can be sent for a month per family to your congregation. Per issue it will cost you more to send an absentee card than your state paper.

Our purpose, also, is to assist churches in bringing our state to Christ. You can help by seeking to get it in the home of every Baptist. — GH

OOPS . . .

The softball champs are Mt. Zion, Brookhaven (Lincoln), Randy Lewman, pastor. Sorry, New Zion; maybe next year!

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MBC president to speak at Carey's August graduation

Eddie Hamilton, Mississippi Baptist Convention president and pastor, Oak Forest, Jackson, will be featured speaker at the William Carey College Aug. 17 commencement exercises in Smith Auditorium. The ceremony will begin at 3 p.m. Degrees will be conferred by James W. Edwards, college president.



Hamilton

Leo Day, Carey alumnus and young artist in residence, will be soloist; Jeff McLelland, professor and recent winner of regional organ guild competition, will be organist. Rose West, recipient of the Excellence in Teaching award and Elise Curtis, member of the Board of Trustees, will also participate in the ceremony.

A reception for graduates will be hosted by President and Mrs. Edwards on Aug. 16 in the Lucile Parker Gallery at 7 p.m. An informal reception on the grounds following the exercises on Saturday will be hosted by the Alumni Association.

Annuity assets grow more than \$1 million a day

By Thomas E. Miller, Jr.

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Assets of the Annuity Board grew by more than \$1 million a day for the first six months of 1991, trustees were told. At a July 29-30 meeting of the board, it was also reported that the Southern Baptist agency is on track for paying out \$100 million in retirement benefits this year for the first time.

Paul W. Powell, Annuity Board president, told trustees of the gain in assets. Treasurer Harold Richardson and investment head John R. Jones told how it was done.

Member contributions continued strong, said Richardson, with more than \$92.5 million flowing into individual retirement income accounts of more than 67,000 members. The contributions represented a 4% increase over the first six months of 1990.

Earnings for Jan.-June were \$164.3 million, with almost 82% coming in a robust first quarter. Richardson reported total assets of \$3.19 billion on June 30, a 9.5% increase since June 30, 1990.

Treasurer Richardson reported \$52.1 million in retirement benefits paid to more than 21,000 annuitants during the first six months of 1991. He raised the possibility that this year, for the first time, the Annuity Board could disburse \$100 million to retirees.

The Relief Committee considered 48 requests for aid. Eleven were approved for 2-year monthly grants, 12 for one-time grants, 8 for 2-year expense

grants and one for a 1-year expense grant. Sixteen applications were declined for being outside of guidelines.

In the second quarter the Annuity Board paid \$170,490 in relief to 605 retired ministers, denominational workers or their widows. President Powell said the average age of relief recipients is 77 years, the average income from all sources is \$563 per month and their average expense is \$660. Most of the relief recipients receive no retirement benefits from the Annuity Board.

In a lengthy report on the Church Comprehensive Medical Plan, Richardson and Insurance Division head Mathis reported continuing signs of approaching stability.

Mathis reported on negotiations and contracts with the national PruNetwork preferred provider organization and with Baptist hospitals. Participants in ten cities are already receiving enhanced benefits of lower deductibles and lower copayment limits through PruNetwork. More than 40 localities will be in the network by Jan. 1, 1992. Some Baptist hospitals are expected to offer the same enhanced benefits Sept. 1, and negotiations are in process with all other Baptist hospitals.

Haight praised the Annuity Board plan for having "the lowest administrative and marketing cost I've ever seen."

Miller is PR for Annuity Board.



LEARNING LAB — Communication students at Mississippi College get experience in television production through various programs produced in the Learning Resources Center of the Leland Speed Library. This training has helped land commercial jobs at stations throughout the state.

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Ministry to Mormons says "No" to Salt Lake SBC

MARLOW, Okla. (BP) — Utah Missions, Inc., a ministry directed at Mormonism and recently incorporated into the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, has called for the Southern Baptist Convention to rescind a decision approved in Atlanta in June to go to Salt Lake City for the 1998 annual meeting.

Robert McKay, associate editor of *The Evangel*, a monthly publication of Utah Missions, Inc., called for the SBC in its Indianapolis annual meeting next year to rescind the Salt Lake City decision. His front page article is in the July-August issue of the tabloid-type newspaper said to be distributed to contributors and friends of Utah Missions, Inc.

Utah Missions, Inc., based in Marlow, Okla., is a non-profit, religious organization with a purpose to foster and promote the ministries

of John L. Smith, for 17 years a Baptist pastor and minister in Utah. Smith is listed as editor-publisher of the paper.

"We call upon the Southern Baptist Convention . . . to rescind the decision . . . There is plenty of time to choose another city, and there are plenty of cities to choose from," said McKay. He listed Los Angeles, San Francisco, Denver, Seattle, Boston, New York City, Chicago, Indianapolis, and "traditional southern meeting sites," as possibilities.

"There is no need to expose thousands of Southern Baptists to possible deception, when there are so many alternatives," said McKay.

Proportionately, very few Southern Baptists know enough about the LDS church to deal with an average Mormon, McKay said.

"When the convention gathers in Salt Lake, it will be trained missionaries the messengers will face. While no doubt many messengers will 'just say no,' experience shows that far too many, in trying to witness to the missionaries, will themselves become hooked by the deceptive LDS message," said McKay.

An economic reason not to go to Utah was also cited by McKay, who said "there is no need for Southern Baptists money to go, directly or indirectly, to support such an organization."

"The idea of sending thousands of unwary Christians into such an environment is distressing," said McKay. "To do so is to invite large numbers of conversions to Mormonism . . . I must strongly protest this decision by the (SBC)."

SBC officials affirm decision to meet in Salt Lake City, 1998

By Herb Hollinger

NASHVILLE (BP) — Southern Baptist Convention officials and Utah-Idaho Southern Baptist Convention leadership have been quick to counter criticism of the decision by the SBC to hold its 1998 annual meeting in Salt Lake City.

In its June meeting in Atlanta, SBC messengers approved a recommendation by the SBC Executive Committee to hold the 1998 annual meeting in the Utah capital, home of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, or Mormons. A ministry directed at Mormonism, Utah Missions, Inc., based in Marlow, Okla., criticized the decision in a front page article in its July-August issue of *The Evangel*, its monthly newspaper.

The SBC meeting in Salt Lake City

would have a major impact on Southern Baptists in particular and the Northwest in general, said C. Clyde Billingsley, executive director of the Utah-Idaho Southern Baptist Convention.

"It would make a statement to local non-Christian groups concerning the viability and legitimacy of Southern Baptists. It would make a life-changing impact on this and future generations of church members who are isolated, lonely, and basically unaware of the real strength of Baptists," said Billingsley.

The Utah-Idaho convention is 26 years old, has 140 churches and missions and about 20,000 members, said Billingsley.

Charles Sullivan, recently elected

executive director for the Indiana Baptist Convention, was vice chairman of the SBC Executive Committee at the time the Salt Lake City recommendation was discussed.

He had vigorously opposed the earlier recommendation of Las Vegas, Nev., as a SBC meeting site.

"Three times I voted against going to Las Vegas. I didn't think it was an appropriate site for the convention," Sullivan told Baptist Press. "After the fact, I'm convinced it was one of our finest convention experiences ever. It did more for the kingdom and left more of a witness than in any other place we have ever gone. I see Salt Lake City as offering us the same sort of opportunity."

Hollinger is director of BP.

Fellowship, Alliance talk of merger

RALEIGH, N.C. (ABP) — The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and the Southern Baptist Alliance have begun discussions that may result in a merger of the two moderate-conservative organizations under a new name.

Representatives of both groups met for three hours July 20 in Raleigh, N.C., where they agreed a merger may be in the best interests of both parties.

In a joint statement to be published in the Aug. 9 issue of the SBA newsletter, the negotiators said: "In

light of a very candid and harmonious dialogue, we agree unanimously that there is a possibility we can accomplish our goals and mission more effectively together than separately and that we will work toward that goal with the expectation of making a definitive decision about the future of the Southern Baptist Alliance and the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship by the spring of 1993."

The two five-person negotiating teams will ask their respective governing bodies for permission to continue the merger talks. Any agreement

would have to be approved by the membership of both organizations.

The talks were suggested in March by Fellowship leader Daniel Vestal, pastor of Dunwoody Church in suburban Atlanta.

Although leaders of the Alliance have helped organize the Fellowship and serve on its Coordinating Council, no formal connection between the two organizations exists.

The negotiators agreed that any new organization that results will

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Clarke College: an unbroken tradition of service

By James C. Read



Mary Burt, admissions clerk, assists students with admissions procedures at Clarke College.

Dormitories will open Aug. 25 at Clarke College for its 83rd session with registration on Aug. 27. Clarke first opened its doors in the fall of 1908 and has remained open since that time despite serious threats to its existence, including the convention vote to close Clarke College in 1931 during the depths of the Great Depression.

Why has Clarke College survived, considering all the adversities it has been through? The answer can be found in the fact Clarke College has remained true to its God-given mission, to educate Christians for service. Clarke College has approximately 3,000 living alumni. Of those approximately 1,000 are serving or have served as ministers of education, ministers of the Word, ministers of music, or missionaries. Some caught the vision of service while students at Clarke College, while others came to

Clarke under God-given conviction of a call to service. Clarke College alumni, whether clergy or laity, have had a profound impact on the Mississippi Baptist Convention (including the last two convention presidents) and on the Southern Baptist Convention through positions on its agencies, boards, and seminaries.

Why has such a small college had such a big influence on our denomination? Clarke College has had such an influence because of its Christ-centered family-like atmosphere, which serves to mature one's faith and inspire boldness in one's witness. The two most active organizations on the Clarke College campus are the Baptist Student Union and the Ministerial Association.

The focal point of each week's activities are the Wednesday morning chapel services with programs

designed to inspire, inform, and energize Christians.

The high point of each semester is Mission Emphasis Week in the fall and Spiritual Emphasis Week in the spring.

The high point of most students' time at Clarke College is the lighting of the Lottie Moon Star, with each bulb of the star representing money given to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions.

As long as there is a need to carry out the Great Commission through service by people with a mature faith and a bold Christian witness that are called by God there will be a need for Clarke College, and, through God's direction and power, Clarke College will be there to meet that need as it has for the last 82 years.

Read is academic dean, Clarke College.

MBMC offers education opportunities

Mississippi Baptist Medical Center, central Mississippi's largest, non-profit general hospital, offers students exciting educational opportunities in the schools of Medical Technology and Radiography. MBMC also holds clinical affiliation with Hinds Junior College's schools of Respiratory Therapy and Practical Nursing where students rotate through the hospital to do their clinical work. In addition, nursing students from nearby colleges and universities do their clinical training at MBMC, and residents from the University School of Medicine rotate through selected services.

Medical technology is the branch of medicine that is responsible for the performance of laboratory determinations and analyses that the physician uses to assist in the diagnosis and treatment of disease and the maintenance of health. The school maintains affiliations with Mississippi College and Mississippi State University which allow the proper transfer of credits for those who wish to substitute their year in medical technology for their senior year in college.

The radiologic technologist is specifically trained to assist the radiologists (specially trained medical doctors) in radiological (commonly known as x-ray) procedures. The technologist is invaluable in the technological aspects which aid in the diagnosis and treatment of patients. The applicant must have a strong math background and have scored 18 or above on the ACT. He or she must be at least 18 years old

and have a high school education or the equivalent.

"Meeting the challenges that these medical professions bring give our students valuable 'hands-on' experience and a strong rapport with their instructors, leading physicians and expert health clinicians," said Kent Strum, MBMC executive director.

In addition to the education programs and up-to-date clinical experience, MBMC emphasizes spiritual enrichment. An active Baptist Student Union led by Kathy Bearden, BSU director, offers Christian fellowship and fun activities for the students.

"I chose to come to MBMC's School of Radiography because of the hospital itself," Amanda Griggs, a senior radiology student at MBMC, said "It is a well-respected hospital, it's large and I thought it would be the best place to gain clinical experience. I knew I would have the opportunity to work more closely with the patients and the staff. When I did get accepted into the school I felt it was a real privilege. The BSU program here means a lot to me. It gives me a nice break from the school work. We have Bible studies and get to listen to different speakers, and I feel it has had a great effect on my life. Some of the speakers are hospital employees — people we see every day. It is really inspiring to see the Lord in them as they do their work."

Scott Wilkinson, MBMC medical technologist and a former student in

MBMC's Medical Technology School, had heard about the program while at Mississippi State University. "MBMC's School of Medical Technology is highly reputable," he said. "That's why I wanted to attend the school. The two instructors from MBMC came to MSU to talk to our class, and I liked them a lot. They were very personable and really seemed to care about their students."

MBMC's administrative staff strongly supports the schools and is frequently involved with the BSU. "We enjoy having students at the Medical Center," said Lu Harding, assistant executive director over the schools, "because it gives us a chance to get acquainted with today's youth. We believe students play a vital role in our hospital. Their ideas, energy and inquisitive minds challenge us to provide them with the best resources possible."

"Strong administrative backing, dedicated instructors, excellent clinical experience, and good Christian fellowship combine to build a firm foundation for the student beginning his or her medical career," said Miss Bearden. "MBMC provides outstanding education opportunities for those who are interested in the medical field."

For more information concerning MBMC's health-related schools, interested persons should contact Kathy Bearden at 968-5144, or write her in care of Mississippi Baptist Medical Center, 1225 North State Street, Jackson, MS 39202.

Southern Baptists "more educated"

Southern Baptists are considerably older and more educated than the U.S. population. According to a national survey, 40 percent of Southern Baptists are 55 years of age or older com-

pared to 29 percent of the U.S. population. Almost one-half of Southern Baptists reported at least one year of university compared to 37 percent of U.S. adults.

CLARKE COLLEGE 1991-92 Fall Schedule

Course Number	Course Title	Time	MUS 193 A	Clarke College Singers	7MWF/4TTh
— ACCOUNTING					
ACC 121 A	Principles of Acc. I	2TTh	MUS 194 A	Clarke College Concert Choir	6MWF/5TTh
— ART					
ART 125 A	Art Appreciation	M 4pm	MUS 201 A	Second Year Theory I	2MWF
— BIBLE					
BIB 110 A	Old Testament Survey	2MWF	MUS 205 A	Adv. Ear Training I	1TTh
BIB 110 B	Old Testament Survey	4TTh	MUS 255 A	Music History I	1MWF
BIB 120 A	New Testament Survey	4MF	— PSYCHOLOGY		
BIB 210 A	Discovering the World of the Bible	3MWF	PSY 151 A	Intro. to Psychology	6MWF
BIB 213A	The New Testament: Text and Canon	4TTh	PSY 151 B	Intro. to Psychology	2TTh
BIB 222 A	Exegesis in the Letters of Paul	2TTh	PSY 253 A	Dev. Psychology	2MWF
BIB 233 A	Exegesis in Eighth Century Prophets	5TTh	PSY 255 A	Child Psychology	3TTh
BIB 240 A	Homiletics	W 12:30-3:30 p.m.	— POLITICAL SCIENCE		
— COMPUTING SCIENCE					
CSC 111 A	Introduction to Computing Science	3TTh	PSC 111 A	Am. National Gov.	4MF
— ENGLISH					
ENG 110 A	Developmental English	3MWF	— READING		
ENG 111 A	English Composition I	1MWF	REA 011 A	Reading Improvement	2MWF
ENG 111 B	English Composition I	4TTh	REA 111/112 A	Speed Reading	3MWF
ENG 112 A	English Composition II	4MF	REA 121/122 A	Voc. Improvement	4MF
ENG 212 A	Survey of British Lit.	2TTh	— RELIGIOUS EDUCATION		
ENG 251 A	Composition Skills	TBA	RED 221 A	Intro. to Baptist Work	3TTh
— ECONOMICS					
ECO 211 A	Prin. of Economics I	M 6 pm	RED 251 A	Church Administration	2TTh
— EDUCATION					
EDU 161 A	Intro. to Education	3TTh	— SCIENCE		
EDU 162 A	Pre-teaching Field Exp.	TBA	SCI 101 A	Physical Science I	2MWF
— GREEK					
GRK 101 A	Elem. N.T. Greek I	1MWF	SCI 111 A	General Biology I	1TTh
GRK 102 A	Elem. N.T. Greek II	1 TTh	SCI 111 1	General Biology I Lab	M 11:00
— GENERAL STUDIES					
GST 001 A	Campus Life	5F	SCI 111 2	General Biology I Lab	Th 11:00
— HEALTH, PHYSICAL EDUCATION, AND RECREATION					
HPR 151 A	Fitness for Life	2TTh	SCI 203 A	Anatomy & Phys. I	3TTh
HPR 111-112/211-212	Activity	3TTh	SCI 203 1	Anatomy & Phys. I Lab	TBA
HPR 113 A	Varsity Baseball	TBA	SCI 261 A	Nutrition	TBA
HPR 114 A	Mens' Basketball	TBA	— SECRETARIAL SCIENCE		
HPR 115 A	Womens' Basketball	TBA	SEC 111 A	Elementary Typewriting	4TTh
HPR 116 A	Cheerleading	TBA	— SOCIOLOGY		
HPR 221 A	First Aid	4MF	SOC 211 A	Intro. to Sociology	T 6 pm
— HISTORY					
HIS 111 A	History of Civ. I	2MWF	— SPEECH AND DRAMA		
HIS 111 B	History of Civ. I	2TTh	SPE 101 A	Fundamentals of Speech	1TTh
HIS 221 A	History of U.S. I	3MWF	— APPLIED MUSIC COURSES		
— MATHEMATICS					
MAT 121 A	College Mathematics	1MWF	MUS 111, 112 A	Private Organ	TBA
MAT 131 A	College Algebra	3MWF	MUS 111, 112 B	Private Organ	TBA
MAT 174 A	Modern Mathematics	2TTh	MUS 211, 212 A	Private Organ	TBA
MAT 181 A	Calculus I	2MWF	MUS 211, 212 B	Private Organ	TBA
MAT 207 A	Elem. Stats & Prob.	1TTh	MUS 120 A	Class Piano	TBA
— MUSIC					
MUS 093 A	Clarke College Singers	7MWF/4TTh	MUS 120 B	Class Piano	TBA
MUS 101 A	First Year Theory I	2MWF	MUS 121, 122 A	Private Piano	TBA
MUS 105 A	Elem. Ear Training I	1TTh	MUS 121, 122 B	Private Piano	TBA
MUS 125 A	Music Appreciation	3TTh	MUS 221, 222 A	Private Piano	TBA
			MUS 221, 222 B	Private Piano	TBA
			MUS 131, 132 A	Private Voice	TBA
			MUS 131, 132 B	Private Voice	TBA
			MUS 231, 232 A	Private Voice	TBA
			MUS 231, 232 B	Private Voice	TBA



Prospective athletes gather at Cockrell Gymnasium, Clarke College, for try-outs.



Eleanor Parks, left, and Sue Dear stand in the newly remodeled kitchen of Blue Mountain College's Home Economics Department.

Blue Mountain dorms open Aug. 15

By Harold Fisher

Blue Mountain College officially launches its 1991-92 academic session when the dormitories open for new students, Aug. 25. The faculty and staff are excited about the opportunity to assist in the development of the talents and abilities of the outstanding students who will enroll.

Orientation and registration are set for Aug. 26, with classes scheduled to begin on Aug. 27. The academic orientation schedule and the first week of classes will be supplemented by the student activities sponsored by the Student Government Council and the BSU. The intramural activities begin immediately with swimming, followed by softball, tennis, and volleyball.

More than 43% of the faculty hold the terminal degree in the respective disciplines. There are two additions to the 1991-92 faculty. Eddie Rucker, who holds a master's degree in computer science from the University of Mississippi, will teach in the computer science and math departments. Mrs. Anna Quinn, former chairman of the English department at Northeast Mississippi Community College, will teach in the English department here.

The enrollment continues to remain good. The non-duplicating total for the 1990-91 academic session of 435 has been exceeded only three times since 1950. All indications point to another good enrollment year for the college.

Blue Mountain College is a distinctive Christian institution, and we point with pride to the fact that it has a two-

fold mission — the education of women and the education of men in full-time church-related vocations. There are many opportunities and challenges for educational institutions at this particular time, and Christian institutions have a special responsibility in shaping the world in which we live.

It is exciting when you know who you are and what you are and that is where Blue Mountain College has made a significant difference. We have been successful in helping the students understand themselves, their strengths and weaknesses, and then to gain the self-confidence necessary to make a positive contribution where they have lived and worked. It is a blessing to be in an institution committed to responding to the needs of its students, to the needs of society, and to the needs of its sponsoring denomination. Blue Mountain College has a rich heritage, but we are not resting on past achievements. We are meeting the challenges of today, and God is providing for us in a marvelous way.

We, at Blue Mountain College, thank all Mississippi Baptists for the support received and ask that you join us in prayer for the vision to see the unlimited opportunities and the wisdom to translate the vision into a reality this year and throughout the years ahead!

Fisher is president, Blue Mountain College.

BMC renovates home ec department

By Fleet Sneed

Blue Mountain College's home economics department has been redecorated with up-to-date equipment and a traditional flair to go along with the traditional building. President Harold Fisher said the renovation cost about \$30,000.

Two teachers, Sue Dear of Memphis and Eleanor Parks of New Albany, said, "We may not be the biggest, but

we certainly think we're the best. We're the most up-to-date department in the state."

With money made from class projects and Benchcraft donating two chairs, the living room got a new face lift in 1989. The same year, cabinets were added to the sewing room, and a serger and electric sewing machine were bought. Morris Jarvis of Hancock Fabrics in Tupelo recently gave

six electronic sewing machines and a serger.

The way in which part of the money was provided for a renewed kitchen is a story in itself.

Less than three years ago W. N. "Doc" Newsom talked to President Fisher about doing something for the home economics department in memory of his wife, Georgia Dodridge (See BMC on page 11)

Mississippi College launches 166th year Aug. 24

By Norman Gough

Mississippi College, the state's oldest institution of higher learning and Mississippi Baptists' largest, swings open its doors for the 166th time on Aug. 24, with the probability of another banner year waiting in the wings.

Lewis Nobles, starting his 24th year as president, beams when he reflects on the success of past years, but glows with enthusiasm when he thinks of what lies ahead.

In his year-end letter to supporters, Nobles gave specific illustrations of progress during the 165th academic session, but was quick to point out that "they do not overshadow the ultimate purpose of the college, but rather are components which, when joined together, assist in meeting the purpose of offering our students the highest quality education and doing so in a Christian setting."

Thanking alumni and supporters for their gifts to the Annual Fund and through endowed scholarships, Nobles said these gifts made it possible for students to attend Mississippi College who would otherwise be financially unable to attend. He pointed out that the college had turned out a record number of graduates this past year.

National influence.

Nobles pointed out that the school has been listed in U.S. News and World Report and the New York Times as one of the best buys in higher education and this past year was cited by Barron's College Guide as one of the nation's best.

The Templeton Foundation includ-

ed the college in two of its nationally circulated lists. It was named to the Honor Roll of Character Building Colleges and to the Honor Roll of Free Enterprise Teaching. The school was also one of only 17 institutions nationwide to receive a grant from the Consortium for the Advancement of Private Higher Education.

Choc champions.

The college continued to focus on people and programs geared for those within commuting distance of the campus. Classes were offered in downtown Jackson and in other outlying communities on a credit and non-credit basis, while Mississippi pastors and other church-related personnel were invited to participate in a Ministers' School which also featured a special program for pastors' wives.

The Naturals, a talented and entertaining musical troupe, toured the state as a representative of the Look Around Mississippi program sponsored by the Mississippi Economic Council.

The Choctaw Cheerleaders continued to attract nationwide acclaim as they captured an unprecedented third consecutive national championship and their fourth in five years. The football team they supported won the Gulf South Conference championship, were nationally ranked all season and progressed to the semifinal round of the NCA Division II national playoff.

The Chocs won the national championship in 1989, the first ever on the field of play for a Mississippi team.

In other student recognition, a star

pole vaulter, Gerald L. Parker of Noxapater, was one of a handful of athletes from round the country who received a \$5,000 postgraduate scholarship from the NCAA. He will enter medical school this fall.

Campus improvements.

New programs and a number of campus improvements will greet students when they return to campus later this month.

Mississippi College will be initiating classes at the Northpark Mall in Ridgeland this fall in an effort to make education convenient for busy adults. Three courses in marketing, public

relations, and psychology are being offered for credit.

Physical improvements on campus will be evidenced by continued landscaping and beautification and by the addition of a needed parking lot north of the Hederman Science Building.

The second floor of Jennings Hall, a former residence hall built in 1907, is being renovated for office space, classrooms, and conference rooms.

All-in-all, it looks like another record-breaking year could be on the horizon, with more students, more programs, improved facilities, and a stable financial status that has enabled the school to complete its 59th con-

secutive year of "in the black" operation.

Fall semester.

The fall semester officially gets underway at 8 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 24, as freshman report for residence hall assignments and general orientation. The orientation registration session begins at 1 p.m. in Provine Chapel's Spell Auditorium as students and their parents gather to meet and hear from administrative personnel and representatives of the Student Body Association.

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KNOWLEDGE ABOUNDS — The Leland Speed Library at Mississippi College houses more volumes than any other private college in the state and becomes a beehive of activity

with the start of a new school year. Classes begin on Thursday, Aug. 29, and the doors of the library will be swinging open for study and research.

William Carey College begins 85th year

William Carey College will begin its 85th year full of optimism. "We are seeing prayers answered daily as we prepare for another year of providing positive experiences for our students," said Larry Braidfoot, provost and academic vice president.

The appearance of the Hattiesburg campus is being improved, continuing the direction President Jim Edwards began two years ago. In addition to reopening a newly air-conditioned and renovated Abner Polk Hall, other improvements are being made. Additional parking spaces are being provided and Wilkes Dining Hall is being altered for more efficient service.

The grounds continue to receive special attention including the sodding of the area near Bass Hall. Clinton gymnasium is being repainted by student workers under direction of the athletic director, Steve Knight.

The Coast campus is also being improved. The BSU building displays new paint. Because of increases in the nursing program, alterations have been made in McMullan Hall.

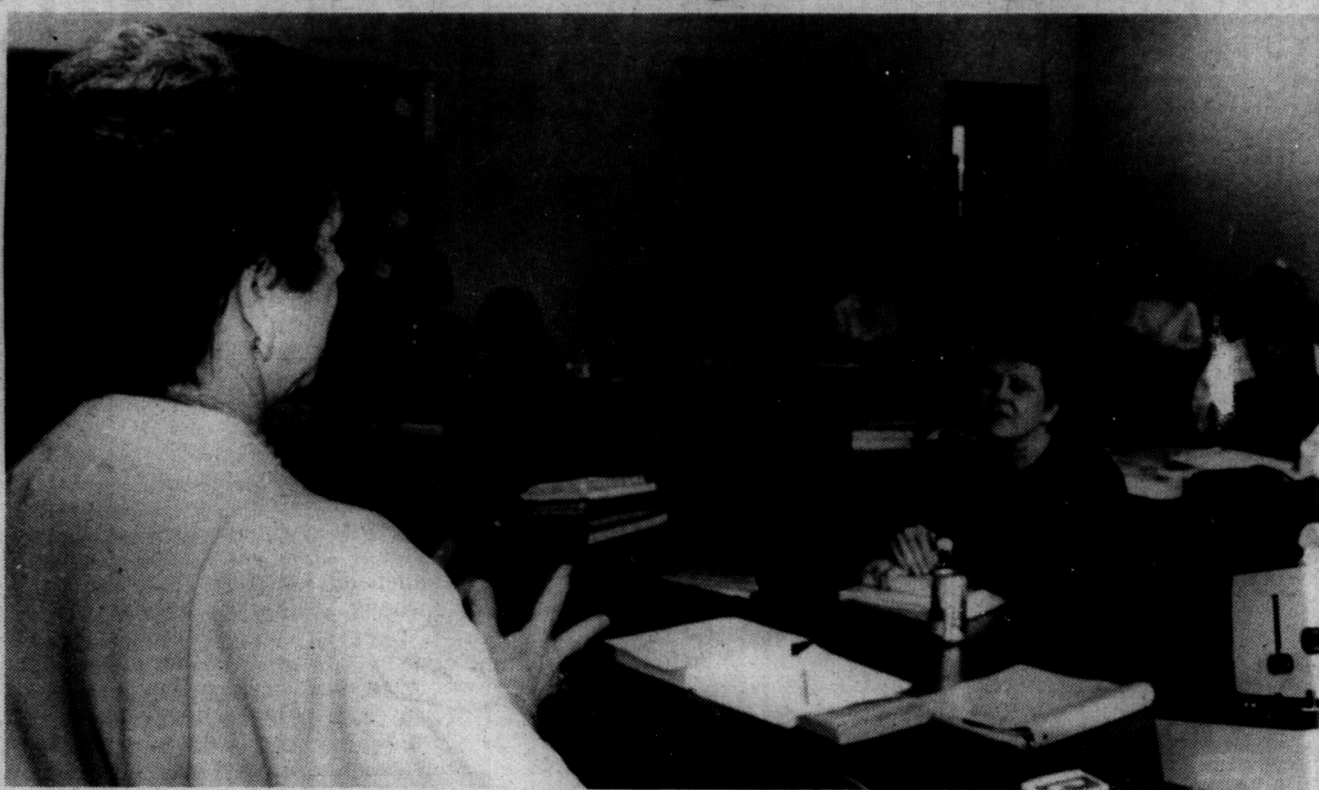
The Faculty Workshop will focus on ways to continue improving the advisement process and other procedures to serve the diverse student population. The faculty workshop will be held on the Coast campus on Aug. 19.

Braidfoot stated that the college has added 15 new faculty positions to strengthen programs and prepare for increased enrollment.

CAREY THANKS BENEFACTORS

"William Carey College is fortunate to have a growing base of individuals and corporations which provide support for William Carey College," said Joe Riley, vice president for financial affairs and controller. Bobby Chain, business leader and philanthropist of Hattiesburg, and Gene Triggs, Baptist layman and industrialist, headed the Visions of Excellence program which had a dual purpose: raising funds for use by the college and informing the broader constituency of the mission of William Carey College. Donna Wheeler, alumni director, and a group of alumni and students conducted a phonathon which resulted in 173 new households making gifts. An additional 153 households made pledges for the first time.

Matching gifts from corporations have also contributed to scholarship programs.



Darlene Wheeler is pictured with a group of students who improved their professional teacher preparation at conferences and workshops held at William Carey College this summer.

ATHLETIC PROGRAMS

The William Carey College Crusader athletic teams completed another successful season in 1990-91 and expect to continue fielding winning teams in 1991-92.

Competing in NAIA, the men's tennis teams ended the season among the top 10 in the nation. Two Crusaders were named to the All-American team. Women's tennis only in its second season compiled a winning record. The baseball team won the district 30 championship and played in the national tournament in San Antonio. Although it was a rebuilding year, the women's basketball team under the leadership of a new coach finished the season only one game short of the district 30 playoffs. Always successful, the men's basketball team finished second in the conference. The soccer programs at Carey on the Coast were successful also. The men's team were district 30 champions, area champions and competed in the national tournament.

ADMISSIONS OFFICE

Carol Findley has joined William Carey College as admissions counselor on the Coast campus. The

wife of Bill Findley, women's soccer coach at the Gulfport campus, she was involved in recruiting while serving as a director for a military base.

Jewell Buckley joins the recruiting staff at the Hattiesburg campus where she will share recruiting responsibilities for Mississippi with Alissa King. She holds a degree in journalism with an emphasis in public relations and marketing.

ALUMNI COUNCIL

The Alumni Council of William Carey College under leadership of John McGraw, Laurel, has been making preparations for the coming year.

A major event planned is homecoming scheduled for Nov. 1 and 2. Highlights alumni can look forward to are reunions classes of Mississippi Woman's College graduates, classes of 1951, 1961, 1971 and 1981, as well as a reunion of all Carey athletes 1954-59; and a basketball classic featuring the Carey Crusaders, Missouri Baptist College, Baptist Christian of Shreveport, and Arkansas Baptist College. The awards luncheon will honor the Outstanding Alumnus and athletes of the year 1954-59.

Three hundred ten new alumni join-

ed the association this year through graduation. The Alumni Association now boasts 6,296 active members.

In celebration of the bicentennial of William Carey's mission trip to India, the Alumni Council is planning several special events, including a tour to England next summer to visit William Carey's hometown and church. Other special events, include special features at the Mississippi Baptist Convention in Jackson in November and the Southern Baptist Convention in Indianapolis next summer.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

"The Student Government Association is working to give the new and returning students the welcome to William Carey College they deserve," said SGA President, Bobbi Ezell. "I'm really excited about the new year. I have an outstanding cabinet and council willing to give 100 percent."

A murder mystery party is planned to kick off a busy year. Following dinner by candlelight, guests (students) will witness a 'murder' which must be solved by using clues available.

Off-campus movies, midnight

breakfast, and Fall Carnival are old favorites with William Carey College students and will be repeated. Among new activities planned are Hydromania Day and The Looney Tunes Night. Annual major events are Greek Day, The annual Crawfish Boil, and Homecoming Week.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Fall trimester activities at William Carey College begin on Aug. 20 when both the SGA and the BSU conduct planning workshops. The Student Leadership Banquet honoring student leaders in Wilkes Cafeteria will end the day's activities.

Dormitories will open on Aug. 21, for new students. Pacesetters will lead orientation sessions, the goal of which is to make students feel "at home" at Carey.

Volleyball and pizza will fill Friday night as students complete registration. Music students will spend Saturday morning in auditions before joining other Crusaders at the BSU Day at Lake Paul B. Johnson.

Opening activities conclude on Monday with the first chapel service and the BSU welcome back party. Steve Smith, dean of students, said, "Our goal is to make the transition to college an exciting time for all students."

State men to Zimbabwe

A group of Mississippi Baptists is traveling to Zimbabwe in September to preach a series of revivals across that south African country.

The revival services will be preceded, Sept. 12-14, by a church training conference for local church personnel. Keynote speaker for this conference will be Bill Causey, executive director-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

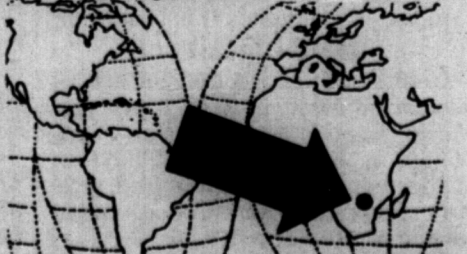
The preaching group, along with Causey, will be Jerry Massey, pastor, First Church, Oxford; Tommy Tutor, pastor, Oakhurst Church, Clarksdale; Joseph Ratcliff, pastor emeritus, First Church, Collins; Dennis Jones, pastor of State Blvd. Church, Meridian; Rex Yancey, pastor of First Church, Quitman; J. Roy McComb, pastor of First Church, Columbia; and S. A. "Sonny" Adkins, pastor of Forest Church, Forest.

Accompanying the group will be Hiram Powell of Mendenhall, who has been named as field coordinator for the Mississippi/Zimbabwe Partnership.

Powell and his wife Shirley will return to Zimbabwe in January of 1992 to begin a three-year stint on the field, to handle logistics for the project, helping with travel arrangements and project development.

Hundreds of Mississippi Baptists are expected to travel to Zimbabwe for various mission projects over the three-year course of the partnership.

Powell is retired from the National Guard and from the insurance business. He has worked in numerous stateside and foreign mission projects as a volunteer in construction, book-keeping, and evangelism. Shirley Oglesby Powell is a former foreign missionary to Jordan and a former staffer with the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board's Discipleship Training Department.



Charges of sexual misconduct plague Gilyard

By Ken Camp

DALLAS (ABP) — Plagued by charges of sexual misconduct and lying about his background, Darrell Gilyard — described as the most sought-after black preacher in Southern Baptist circles — is trying to rebuild his ministry as pastor of a new non-denominational church in the Dallas suburbs.

On July 10, Gilyard resigned as pastor of the multiracial Victory Baptist Church in Richardson, Texas, following recurring allegations of sexual misconduct with female members of his church.

Less than two weeks later, he and about 125 members of his former congregation announced the formation of the new Grace Community Church at a hotel in Richardson.

And one week after Gilyard returned to the pulpit, a Dallas newspaper reported that the preacher's oft-repeated story of living under a bridge as a homeless teenager in rural Florida was untrue.

Gilyard, who by all accounts has tremendous pulpit abilities, was "discovered" in the early 1980s by

Jerry Vines, pastor of First Church of Jacksonville, Fla., who later became president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

After learning that Gilyard wanted to prepare for the ministry but lacked the financial resources for college or seminary, Vines called his friend Paige Patterson, president of Criswell College in Dallas, who secured a scholarship for the young preacher. Vines then put Gilyard on a Greyhound bus bound for Dallas.

Patterson, a key leader of the fundamental-conservative movement in the SBC, has been widely criticized for his role in the Gilyard dispute.

"My relationship with Darrell was the same as with many former students," Patterson said. "I try to maintain an on-going interest in as many of our graduates and former students as I can."

Nevertheless, according to a copyrighted July 14 Dallas Morning News report, Patterson brushed aside Gilyard's firing as assistant pastor at Concord Missionary Baptist Church

of Oak Cliff in 1985 on grounds of sexual misconduct. And he reportedly ignored the repeated allegations of Gilyard's sexual impropriety from women members of Hilltop Baptist Church, Norman, Okla.; Shiloh Baptist Church, Garland, Texas; and Victory Baptist Church.

The Dallas Morning News article quoted one former Criswell College student who said she made an appointment with Patterson in 1989 to discuss the advances Gilyard had made toward her and several friends from Shiloh Baptist Church. She maintained that Patterson told her to refrain from speaking to anybody about the matter unless she had substantial proof to verify her story.

Patterson counseled Gilyard to resign from his church immediately, to go with his wife to a retreat center in Colorado for counseling and a time of prayer together, and to refrain from preaching for at least two years to "rebuild relationships... and have time to prove himself."

Gilyard did resign from Victory

Baptist Church the following evening, but he returned to a pulpit 11 days later to launch a new congregation saying he wanted to help others "who have fallen into crisis situations."

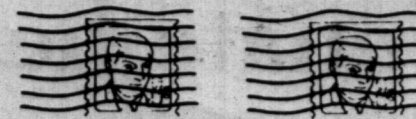
Gilyard responded by issuing a statement expressing his sadness "that the legalistic hierarchy of the First Baptist Church of Dallas, a church that has preached and practiced segregation since 1950 and a church that has never provided me, a black pastor, with anything other than superficial lip support in the establishment of the fully integrated Victory Church, cannot follow the word of God and recognize his gift of grace for those who have stumbled."

Noting he was "hurt deeply" by Gilyard's statement, Patterson said: "He went through Criswell College on a scholarship. The people of First Baptist Church have been very interested in him. I don't know what he wanted from them. They welcomed him, prayed for him, and loved him."

Camp is PR director, Baptist General Convention of Texas.



Letters to the editor



Wants pen pals

Hello,
I am looking for young women my age and interests to correspond with. My name is Barbara. My husband and I are home missionaries in Greenville, Miss. I am a "little kid at heart." I am a teacher and a nurse. My interests are many; for example: sewing, crocheting, cross-stitching, crafts, etc. If you would like a "little kid at heart" pen pal, write me.
Mrs. Barbara Jones
875 Adams
Greenville, Miss. 38701

Looking for former BSU presidents

Editor:
We are trying to locate all former Baptist Student Union Presidents from Mississippi State University. At present, we have been unable to find address and information on the following people: W. J. (Bill) Wallace, 1930; Tommy Hand, 1931; John V. Therrell, Jr., 1934; Tom McCord, 1941; Richard T. (Tom) Benton, 1945; Carl Nowell, 1947; Roy Kitchens, 1958; Art Compere, 1959; Henry Barton Moreau, 1960; Nolan Clark, 1967; and Billy Thames, 1948.

If you know how we can contact any of these people, please write or call us at Baptist Student Union, P. O. Box BU, Mississippi State, MS 39762, (601) 323-5761 or 323-1941.

June C. Scoggins
Mississippi State University
Starkville, Miss.

"God makes no mistakes"

Editor:
I am fully aware that we should pray for all humanity, beginning with self, and including the lesbians and gays mentioned in the Letters to the Editor, "Understand the need." However, to imply that God makes mistakes and creates at birth, or in the course of life, lesbians and gays, is a lie straight out of hell. Frankly, I am very much surprised that you would allow to be printed in the Record such fallacy for innocents to read, who may be swayed from the truth of God. Friend, from creation to the present time, God's view is perfect and unchanged, one man, one woman, one lifetime.

I would direct the author of the above letter to search the scriptures, in particular Romans 1:21-32, to do with this subject. No, God makes no mistakes. Men and women make mistakes and will face either the judgment seat of Christ or the great White Throne judgment. I do pray for the one who wrote, "we are not at fault, God made us this way," that they may come into truth before the door is closed to God's truth and they are made to believe the lie which would say, "we were born homosexuals, we are not to blame."

Please, in the name of Jesus, do not attempt to twist the scripture to meet your need or desire at this time. Rather, search the scriptures for the truth and accept it as truth before it is too late. Do not attempt to pervert God's Word to us, because the written Word is there to reveal his will for our lives.

With that said, "Mr. Editor, please know that I do appreciate the benefit of the Baptist Record each week in our home. Most all of the articles truly bless my heart. Thank you for keeping us abreast of Christian news at home as well as abroad.

Jim Evans
Florence, Miss.

"Go and sin no more"

Editor:
I sincerely hope that what I am about to say does not cause more heartache for innocent people, but I feel compelled to respond.

In answer to the person asking for church leaders to "pray and understand" the needs of people who have loved ones involved in homosexuality, I must honestly say that my heart goes out to them in love and compassion just as if they were involved in heterosexual sin. The adulterer, fornicator, and sodomite all are sinners in need of repentance and forgiveness. If you are asking for love and understanding, then you have it. If you are asking for acceptance of a lifestyle that is contrary to the Word of God, then I am not able to accommodate you.

God gave only one outlet for sexual expression: heterosexual marriage. The so-called "right to sexual expression" is not found in the Bible, but in the minds of modern pagans who wish to live without restraint. God created male and female and called them "man and wife," not sexual partners.

Also, I must take exception to the statement "At no time did lesbians and gays make the decision to be as

they are; they were born that way." The fact is that no one knows the orientation with which they were born. I certainly do not remember how I felt about sexual matters when I was born, do you? This is another attempt to avoid responsibility for their actions that has been accepted by too many church people. In most cases of counseling with homosexuals, I (and others) have found that a significant adult introduced them to homosexuality in late pre-teen or early teen years when they were especially vulnerable and just beginning to establish their sexuality. You would be surprised to know how many authority figures in high school take advantage of youths who are lonely and feel alienated from their same-sex parent who is usually "too busy" for them. No, this is comparable to Adam indirectly blaming God for his sin when he pointed to Eve, "the woman you gave me." And even if the homosexuals were born that way, they would have no more excuse than the drunkard, liar, whoremonger, adulterer, etc. that the Bible says shall not "inherit the kingdom of God" (1 Cor. 6:9-10). What God excludes, I cannot include.

Baptist churches should make practicing sinners of any persuasion "feel welcome" but not feel accepted, or feel "at home," so that they may become Christians as per 1 Corinthians 6:11, "such WERE some of you . . ." It is not showing love or compassion to try to make people feel comfortable in their sin, but as Jesus said to the woman taken in adultery (John 8) "neither do I condemn thee; go and sin no more," and in John 8:32

"And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." Please know that there is hope for you and your loved one, but only through the life-changing power of Jesus Christ.

Doyle B. Cooper
Sonlight Ministries
Tupelo, Miss.

Flea market vols give cold water

ASHEVILLE, N.C. (BP) — Like an auctioneer hawking his wares, Bill Jones drives a hard bargain.

"Can I give you a cup of ice water?" he asks people at the Dreamland Flea Market in Asheville, N.C. "It's wet. It's cold. It's free."

The thought of something for nothing at a flea market makes most people at least stop to look. If they linger long enough, Jones tells them about another free offer, the gift of salvation.

Last month Jones and volunteers from North Carolina's Buncombe Baptist Association began giving away cold water to shoppers and sellers at the flea market. One Sunday, they gave away 1,227 cups of water.

"People are suspicious," Jones says. "They want to know, 'What's the catch?' One person thought we were selling filtered water."

There is no catch, other than volunteers asking people who take the water to also take a tract. Jones says one person refused to take a tract, but another person read the tract and prayed to receive Christ.

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Senate hears debate on anti-pornography bill

By Tom Strobe

WASHINGTON (BP) — A bill allowing suits against producers and distributors of hard-core pornography by victims of sex crimes provoked by such material received both unflinching support and strong criticism during a Senate hearing July 23.

The Pornography Victims' Compensation Act (S. 1521) would enable victims or survivors of victims of rape, sexual abuse, sexual murder, or other forms of sexual assault to recover damages from commercial producers, distributors, exhibitors, or sellers of obscenity or child pornography found to be a "substantial cause" of the attack.

In testimony before the Judiciary Committee, representatives of booksellers, librarians, magazine distributors, and video dealers said the bill would result in censorship and

would not be practical.

Witnesses from anti-obscenity, feminist, and law-enforcement groups said pornographers should be held responsible.

Pornographers are "peddling a drug . . . as harmful as crack cocaine."

A victim of the effects of hard-core pornography also spoke out for the bill.

Pornographers "are peddling a drug that is every bit as harmful as crack cocaine," said a middle-aged woman, who used the name Donna Ferguson to protect her identity. " . . . they are the bullet that is in the gun that destroys the life."

At the age of 7, she was sexually abused by a caretaker in a foster

home after he showed her some hard-core pornography, Ferguson testified.

In other foster-care situations between the ages of 7 and 12, she was sexually assaulted by four men. She saw hard-core pornography in two of the homes, she said.

The man who first abused her "robbed me of my childhood, my sense of security . . ." Ferguson said. "He committed the crime against me, but I had to serve a sentence . . ."

She has suffered both physical and psychological problems, Ferguson said.

Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., the main sponsor of the bill, told the committee, "The pornography industry trades in the abuse, exploitation, and degradation of women and children. Pornography is not an expression of speech; it is a business."

"This bill hits pornographers where it hurts them most — in their wallets."

Deborah Daniels, United States attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, referred to what she called "uncontradicted findings," such as:

— "Exposure of normal, college-age men to violent, sexually explicit por-

"Pornography . . . trades in abuse . . . of women and children . . ."

nography tends to increase those viewers' acceptance of rape myths" (for example, that women desire to be raped);

— "These same men were found to view a rape victim as significantly more worthless and her injuries as significantly less severe" than did a

control group not viewing the pornographic films.

Page Mellish, president of Feminists Fighting Pornography, said such a link was a major finding in the 1986 report by the Attorney General's Commission on Pornography, which cited:

— "A Michigan State Police study finding, pornography was used or imitated just prior to or during 41 percent of the state's sexual assaults;

— "A North Carolina State Police study that found 75 percent of the state's defendants in violent sexual assault cases had hard-core pornography in their homes or vehicles;

— "The FBI's finding that serial killers' most commonly shared trait was extreme pornography use."

Strobe is director, media and news information, Washington office, CLC.

Why do the unrighteous always seem to prosper?

By Louis Lamar

Is it fair that the unrighteous seem to prosper while many Christians are struggling to get by each day? Do you sometimes feel that you are getting a rotten deal as a Christian? If it angers you to see the unrighteous prosper, you are not alone. Many Christians become angry when they see the homes, the automobiles, clothing, jewels, etc. But should we be concerned that they have things that we do not?



Lamar

God's Word tells us to "Fret not thyself because of evil men, neither be thou envious at the wicked; for there shall be no reward to the evil man; the candle of the wicked shall be put out" (Proverbs 24:19-20). "For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb. Trust in the Lord and do good; . . . He shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noon-day. Rest in the Lord and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass" (Psalm 37:2-3, 6-7).

Christians are told not to get upset because of the prosperity of the unrighteous, for they have no reward. They are enjoying their reward in this life. There is no reward in heaven for them, no starry crown, no life hereafter. For them this is it! We are also told to be patient. Perhaps God is growing us in an area where growth is necessary before he decides to bless us with material possessions.

"They that trust in their wealth, and boast themselves in the multitude of their riches; . . . their inward thought is, that their houses shall continue forever. Be not afraid when one is made rich, when the glory of his house is increased; for when he dieth he shall carry nothing away: his glory shall not descend after him. Though while he lived he blessed his soul: and men will praise thee, when thou doest well to thyself" (Psalm 49:6, 11, 16-18).

We all know that U-haul and Ryder trucks cannot be taken to heaven, so it doesn't matter what one acquires in this life. It cannot be taken with them. Matthew tells us not to worry about "things," because worry will not add to our lifespan. Sure, the unrighteous may get the praise of man, but we should not seek the praise of man; rather we should seek the praise of God. It matters not what we have accumulated in this life, if our name is not found in the Lamb's Book of Life.

Louis Lamar is pastor, Mount Sinai Church, Tupelo.

Hammers ring at Jericho

GLORIETA, N.M. (BP) — Pounding hammers, shrieking saws, and roaring sanders rudely interrupted the serenity so characteristic of the Southern Baptist conference centers at Ridgecrest, N.C., and Glorieta, N.M., this summer.

But it's not because the facilities need repairing.

Instead, participants at the Jericho festivals of home and foreign missions are getting plenty of hands-on missions involvement by building multipurpose tables and portable pulpits for churches and mission congregations across the country.

Volunteers built about 60 furnishings for U.S. mission congregations this summer. Organizers project they will build about 80 more items — 40 for one foreign mission field church and 40 for one home mission field church — at the Jericho festivals next summer at Ridgecrest and Glorieta.

Meanwhile, R.C. "Nick" Nichols and his wife, from First Church in Jacinto City, Texas, also worked as a family team to produce a table for a church in Pascagoula, Miss.

"We tried to find one in Texas, but they didn't have one on the list," Nichols said. "I was born in Columbia, Miss., so we picked a church in my home state."

Every item completed bears the official "Built at Jericho" label on the underside, signed and dated by the people who built it before it is shipped to its destination.

Project participants paid for their own building materials — \$25 per table and \$20 per pulpit.

Southern Baptist agencies sponsoring Jericho, besides the Brotherhood Commission, are the Home Mission Board, Foreign Mission Board, Woman's Missionary Union, and Sunday School Board.

Baylor, Texans reach agreement

DALLAS (BP) — Baylor University and Baptist General Convention of Texas leaders have reached an agreement which may end the struggle over who will control Southern Baptists' largest university.

The joint agreement must be approved by the two groups' boards and by the messengers to the annual meeting of the state convention in November in Waco.

In "An Open Letter to Texas Baptists Concerning the Relationship of the Baptist General Convention of Texas and Baylor University" the leaders expressed hope the proposal will help conclude a controversy which resulted from an action by the Baylor board on Sept. 21, 1990.

That action amended the institution's charter to alter the relationship of Baylor to the Baptist General Convention of Texas, giving the university the right to control election of its regents.

The Committee on BGCT/Baylor Relationship's primary concern was to eliminate the two-tiered system of having both regents and trustees for Baylor, to have the right by the BGCT to elect directly a portion of the Baylor board of regents, and to secure some assurance Baylor would remain "true to its Baptist heritage and commitment."

The agreement provides: (1) for amendment of the Baylor charter to eliminate the office of trustee and to provide the BGCT will directly elect annually 25 percent of each class of Baylor regents, and (2) for inclusion in the Baylor bylaws, as is already the case in the Baylor charter, all Baylor regents must be Baptist, Baylor will continue to be operated within Christian-oriented aims and ideals of Baptists, including those contained in the Baptist Faith and Message statement adopted in 1963, and the assets of the university upon discontinuance

by dissolution and liquidation will be transferred to the BGCT.

The agreement further provides these provisions of the bylaws may be amended only by two-thirds vote of the entire board of regents provided at least ten days' notice in advance of the vote is given; otherwise, a vote of 80 percent of the regents is required in "extreme emergency."

Baylor officers signing the agreement were: Paul W. Powell, chair of the board of regents; Herbert H. Reynolds, president; Thomas R. Powers, vice-chair; and Randy W. Ferguson, secretary.

BGCT officers signing the agreement were: Phil Lineberger, BGCT president; Robert Parker, chair of the executive board; and George Gaston, chair of the administrative committee of the executive board.

Survey shows gains in church going

By Larry Chesser

WASHINGTON (ABP) — Churches in the United States may find encouragement in survey results that show gains in church attendance and membership during recent months and that forecast continued growth in religious activity by Americans.

A May 1991 Gallup Poll released by the Princeton Religion Research Center shows that more than half of the 1,012 adults surveyed attend religious services more frequently (27 percent) or as frequently (32 percent) as they did five years ago. Thirty-one percent of Protestant respondents and 26 percent of Catholic respondents indicated they now attend services more frequently.

Since 1990, the percentage of those who identify themselves as church members has grown from 65 percent to 69 percent. That figure matches the membership averages for the 1980s but still is as much as five percentage points lower than the "historical highs" of the 1930s to the 1960s, according to the Princeton center.

In the May survey, 43 percent of respondents had attended church within the past seven days, compared with 40 percent in 1990.

The Princeton center attributed much of the increased religious activity to the arrival of "baby boomers" at

the age "when people traditionally take a greater interest in church affairs." Much of the increase in religious activity found in the May survey was among 30-to-49-year-olds. Thirty-four percent of respondents in this age group reported more frequent church attendance, and 31 percent reported the same level of church attendance as five years ago.

Most men (61 percent) and women (66 percent) in the baby boomer survey indicated religion would become more important during the next five years, while 38 percent of men and 39 percent of women who are not church members indicated they expect to join a church within five years.

Most baby boomers (73 percent of men and 78 percent of women) want their children to receive a religious education.

Other reasons cited for increased church attendance include "now have stronger faith, belief" (18 percent), "worship as a family" (11 percent), "I like going, makes me feel good" (10 percent), "I am older, maturer, wiser" (10 percent) and "the current world situation" (6 percent).

Reasons for less frequent attendance included "have no time, too busy" (19 percent), "conflicts with work, study schedule" (14 percent), "disagree with policies, teachings" (8 percent) and "illness" (8 percent).

Chesser is staff writer, BJCPA.

RTVC DOCUMENTARY TO AIR ON ABC-TV: FORT WORTH (BP) — "The Street," a Southern Baptist-produced television documentary about Christians' efforts to help meet people's needs in inner cities, will be aired nationally over ABC-TV Sunday, Sept. 22. "The Streets" was produced by Radio and Television Commission production staff members on location in Los Angeles county, Chicago, Miami, and New York City. Although the broadcast's national kickoff is set for Sept. 22, some stations will air the documentary later. Readers should check their TV listings to determine when stations in their areas will show the program. "The documentary is not designed to show an overview of inner-city problems in the United States, but rather to focus on a few efforts involving Christians," said Bob Thornton, executive in charge of the production. "We are simply looking at some of the needs and individuals and groups trying to make a difference. Our emphasis is on people more than programs."



Faces and places

by Anne Washburn McWilliams



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Never stop learning

A Wall of Fame for long-time Sunday School teachers. Now I think that's a good idea! Such a wall is to be part of the National Convocation on the Bible in Nashville April 21-23, 1992 and will display names and pictures of teachers who are nominated and meet the requirements. (More details on this in a later story.)

I've been thinking about teachers — probably because I've been working on this Education Issue of the Record. How much they have contributed to my life! — Sunday School teachers, public school teachers, college and seminary professors . . . To many of them I expressed my appreciation long ago. To some I never did, and I regret that with some it's now too late. Last fall I saw again, after a good many years, my first grade teacher, Gladys Smedley. I wrote then to thank her for what she meant to me when I was 6. This has provoked a warm and treasured correspondence.

It's a bit difficult for me to broach the subject of school teachers without saying how proud I am of my sister, Betty Brown, who retired last spring after 31 years of teaching, mostly

senior high English. At least six times she was voted Teacher of the Year, and I think she lost track of the number of times she was chosen as Star Teacher. Both of her daughters became teachers, too. At graduation time in May, students and her fellow townspeople gave her a standing ovation. Now she has agreed to return to teach three hours a day, beginning next week.

Teachers, too, of countless workshops I've attended are due a word of appreciation. Every fall Mississippi Press Women sponsor a workshop on writing and/or other communications skills. Last year's was at Oxford. Rubye Del Young, publisher of The Itawamba County Times at Fulton, was one of the speakers. She chose as her topic, "How to Be a Better Whatever-You-Are." It contained some good advice I want to share. "The key," she said, "lies in the word CHANGE." On that word she built an acrostic to punch home her points. These are not her exact words, but they are the gist of the message I received:

Choose. Decide what it is about yourself or your work that you need to improve. (Work on yourself and not on your neighbor.)

Have an agenda. If you don't have an agenda (for your own actions), you will be acted upon.

Ask for help. If we are willing to get help, the help will be there for us.

Never stop training. (Never stop learning.) Probably this is the most important piece of advice anyone could get.

Get into position. Be in the right place at the right time.

End (goal) — go for it! Prioritize agenda. Keep asking, is this going to fit into my long-range plan?

"Then," she said, "When you become a Better Whatever You Are, love it!"

Whether we are self-taught, or whether we learn from other teachers, it's vital to keep on learning!

Church leaders in continuing education

By Guy Henderson

The second annual Pastors School was held Aug. 8-9 at Mississippi College in Clinton. Sponsored by the college in cooperation with the Church Administration, Pastoral Ministries, Sunday School, and Church Music departments, MBCB, the school attracts pastors, staff members, and lay persons in a continuing education project. John McCall, director of the Department of Religion and Philosophy, coordinated the activities. He also taught the book of Colossians.

Harold Bryson, professor of preaching at NOBTS, taught how to structure and plan your preaching and improving your delivery. Will Beal, Sunday School Board, Nashville, led conferences on motivation and delegation. Special seminars for women were led by Bettye Coward,

director of the Home Economics Department, Mississippi College, and Lynda Street, pastor's wife, Calvary Church, Jackson.

Bill Causey, Garland McKee, and Lewis Oswalt led worship/inspiration services. John McCall summarized the school in declaring that "increased knowledge of the Bible and personal growth toward maturity in Christ is a great need among all of us, especially our church leadership."

According to Gallup, three-fourths of western European adults consider themselves to be 'happy with life.' The figures also show 84% in Great Britain are happy, a higher figure than in Italy, Spain, or Germany.

Mrs. Pang wins another battle

SEOUL, South Korea (BP) — Pang Ho Sun doesn't give up. Ever. That, and faith in God, have helped the 76-year-old Korean Baptist woman overcome personal tragedy, indifference, age, and a culture where few women become leaders to make her dream of helping the needy a reality.

Her latest victory came in April. After fighting her way through years of bureaucratic red tape, Pang dedicated the new facilities of her River of Grace Foundation, built with Southern Baptist aid.

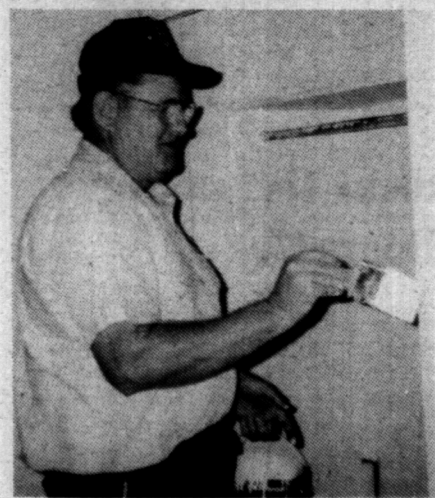
Through the foundation, Pang has given her later life to helping more than 40,000 young women escape the perils that can befall them in the metropolis of Seoul. Many Korean women leave the countryside for Seoul

to earn money to send back to their families. Other women come to Seoul when they are pregnant and unwed, have run away from home or been forced to leave, or have nowhere else to go in hopes of finding work and a new life.

In cooperation with the Korean government, Pang has counseling booths set up at all railroad stations in Seoul to help women as they arrive in the city. Otherwise many will be approached by pimps who offer them a job, food, and a place to stay. Before they realize it, they have fallen into the trap of prostitution.

Southern Baptists became involved with Pang at the request of missionaries in Seoul.

Brotherhood teams renovate Carey dorms



Wally Sandifer, Dixie Church, paints.

Brotherhood men from several churches helped prepare the Hattiesburg campus of William Carey College for the 1991 academic year. Teams helped renovate Abner Polk Hall, a men's dorm, as well as doing additional work in Wilkes and Ross Halls.

Because William Carey College is

expecting a significant increase in dormitory residents for the fall of 1991, Abner Polk Hall will be re-opened after being closed a number of years.

Hardy Denham, coordinator of church-related vocations programs for William Carey College, contacted the Brotherhood Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, and church Brotherhoods in the Hattiesburg area seeking volunteer help. He stated that Irbe Ware and Ollen Brown from the Walker Hill Church, Rankin Association, and Wally Sandifer, Jim Hogan, and Lavon Rouse from the Dixie Church in Hattiesburg responded.

Jim Didlake, associate in the Brotherhood Department; Clarence Didlake, his father from the Pilgrim's Rest Church, Crystal Springs; and Glenn Nace, pastor of Kokomo Church, Marion Association, also gave their services.

"The volunteer service given by these men saved the college hundreds of dollars in painting and electrical costs," stated Steve Ward, director of college facilities and grounds.

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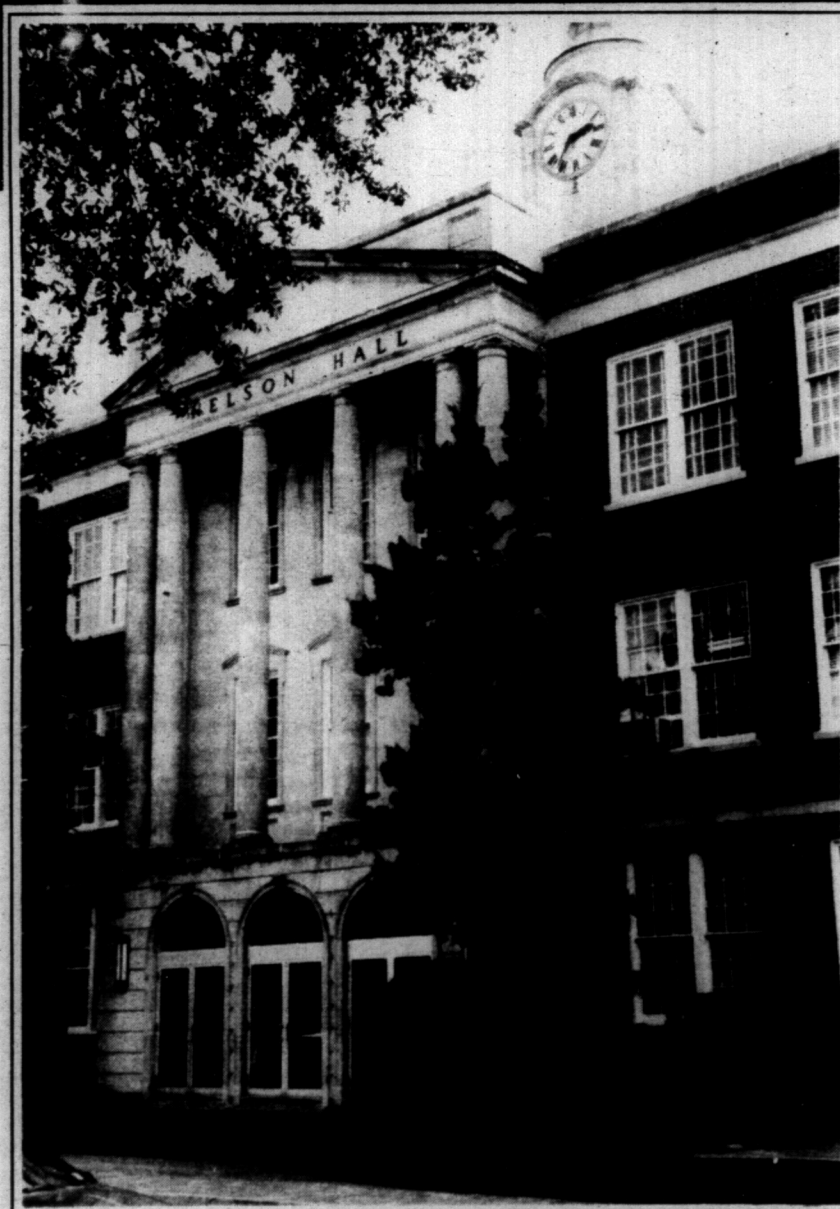
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Rhonda Hensarling, incoming Baptist Student Union president, and Donna Lewallen, outgoing president, display plaques they received recognizing their contributions to the spiritual life on the Carey Campus.

Carey BSU plans busy fall

The BSU at William Carey College with Candace Boyd as director will begin a busy fall with the Executive Council Planning workshops on Aug. 20 on the Hattiesburg campus. One of the first events will be assisting new students as they move into the dorms on Aug. 26.

The Welcome Back Party will be held Aug. 26. Students will have opportunity to meet local pastors, choose service projects, and get answers to questions that arise from the opening of school.

During the fall trimester: Tuesday — The BSU will conduct dorm visitation and also host TNT — Tuesday Night Together — a time for devotional and fellowship, Wednesday — 9:30 — Prayer, Care, Share group, Thursday — Noonday — 12:00-1:00 p.m., features guest speakers from off-campus in addition to devotionals

and time for fellowship.

Fall retreat will be held Sept. 13 and 14. This will provide opportunities for students to spend time away from the campus developing relationships with other Christians in intense Bible study.

Monthly International Student Fellowship, will meet the first Saturday of each month. This is a time for American students to fellowship with international students and build relationships with them in an effort to strengthen bonds of communication and to share the love of Christ.

Family groups will be formed once school begins. These are small Bible study/fellowship groups, student led.

Discipleship groups will foster growth and strengthen commitment. Ministry Teams are formed to minister in area churches through

(See **CAREY BSU** on page 11)

Blue Mountain

"Find your treasure in BSU" is theme for welcome party

"Find Your Treasure in BSU" is the theme for this year's welcome party at Blue Mountain College, to introduce students to BSU. In pursuit of the theme, there will be a treasure hunt during the evening. The event begins at 7 p.m., Aug. 26.

A workshop for freshmen only is planned on Sunday afternoon, Aug. 25, at Broach Baptist Student Union, led by three members of the BSU Executive Council and the director, Tracy Simmons. The workshop includes tips on how to study, time management, and quiet times.

The BSU council of 11 students will attend a workshop before school to sharpen their leadership skills and prepare for the new year.

This year's fall BSU retreat is planned for Oct. 18-20 at Camp Lake Stephens in Oxford. Discipleship groups saw a dramatic increase last year. The groups study *Patterns for Discipleship*, a study in balanced Christian lifestyle. Noonday is a daily worship opportunity led primarily by students.

Ministry opportunities are offered to students through nursing home visits, children's church, and special community missions outreach pro-

jects. This year students can visit a nursing home in Ripley on a weekly basis. Through the children's church ministry, students minister to children who are un-churched. Many children have come to know Jesus as their Savior through this ministry.

The BSU has three fine arts teams: "Reflections," a music ensemble; "King's Troupe," a drama team; and a clown team. Auditions for these groups will be Sept. 3-5 with a workshop Sept. 6-7. These teams are available to lead worship services, banquets, and youth rallies. They can be booked through the BSU office, 685-4771 Ext. 37.

Missions is a major emphasis on the campus of Blue Mountain. This past year eight students served as summer missionaries. Two students worked at Camp Garaywa, and three students worked at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly. Students will begin working toward their goal of \$7,000.00 for student summer missions in the fall. Students will also have the opportunity for a short-term missions experience in the spring. This past year 14 students traveled to Hilton Head, S.C. for Beach Reach.

Carey expands Coast programs

William Carey College on the Coast will celebrate 15 years of operations this fall. The record enrollment gains of 40-50 percent achieved during the 1990-91 school year have increased the demand for an expanded curriculum and additional full-time faculty. President Jim Edwards has announced three new programs and the appointment of seven new faculty members.

A new master of business administration in executive leadership degree is the most recent program to be announced. This program is designed in a one-year plan for working adults who have undergraduate business degrees and in a two-year plan for non-business undergraduates in engineering, arts and sciences, and humanities or social sciences. Work experience in leadership roles in business, government and community service organizations will be a major factor in the admission of EL-MBA students. Edwards and three other top executives at William Carey will teach in the program. Additionally, leaders from the Gulf Coast area will teach as executives-in-residence.

Four new faculty have been hired to strengthen the business faculty. David Manifold, has been appointed as coordinator of the EL-MBA program. He has taught finance and accounting at Carey and USM's Gulf Park campus. Manifold has also been appointed as director of the Institute for Entrepreneurial Leadership at William Carey, an organization designed to assist new businesses and entrepreneurs.

Beth Henthorne, a health care consultant and former College of Business staff and faculty member at USM, has joined the Carey business faculty.

Scott Julian, who is currently completing doctoral studies at Louisiana State University, has recently joined the business faculty. His major interests include strategic planning, corporate management, and technology management.

Virginia Covington has been hired

to teach managerial communications. She has taught previously at Mississippi College and USM in areas of communications and speech.

Covington recently completed a four-day executive training program at the Owen Graduate School of Management, Vanderbilt University.

A new undergraduate major in physical education will be available this fall on the Coast campus. Bill Findley was selected as instructor of physical education and coach of the women's soccer team. He has coached soccer on the international level in the armed services following an outstanding collegiate career as a player.

The bachelor of science in nursing program, which presently enrolls the largest number of majors at William Carey College, continues to expand. Two new full-time nursing faculty members have been hired — Joanne Hugo, who has previously served at Singing River and Biloxi Regional hospitals, and Marilyn Cooksey of

Moss Point, who previously served in nursing positions at Singing River Hospital and Ingalls Shipbuilding.

The new bachelor's degree program in general studies continues to attract students who are interested in an interdisciplinary major that can incorporate transfer credit including a technical major at the community level.

Bill Payne is dean of William Carey College on the Coast.

Gary Bolton, a senior from Jamaica, heads the Student Government Association on the Carey on the Coast campus for 1991-92. He is in his fourth year with the men's soccer team, is an honor student, and is pursuing a bachelor of science degree in business.

Gregg McBride, newly appointed coordinator of student activities, will serve as SGA sponsor and will work under Rosalind Robbins, director of academic and student services. He is also BSU director on the Coast campus.

Carey's CRV program focuses on three top priorities

By Hardy Denham

The church-related vocational program at William Carey College focuses on three priorities. First, providing CRV students with the best academic preparation possible. The Owen and Elizabeth Cooper School of Missions and Biblical Studies is a major factor in this preparation. Not only is course work offered in the basic Old and New Testament survey, but in specialized areas such as Hebrew and Greek, Baptist heritage, missions, and biblical cultures.

Second, emphasis is placed on spiritual growth and development. The monthly CRV Fellowship meetings, individual counseling sessions, plus the weekly BSU activities

provide students on-campus spiritual support.

Third, the office of Coordinator of CRV Programs helps CRV students and the churches seeking part-time staff leadership to get together. One-half of all CRV students enrolled at William Carey College in the 1990-91 academic year were called to church service as pastors and ministers of music and youth during the year. In the summer period other students were given the opportunity to exercise their callings in church settings as a result of the CRV program at William Carey.

Denham is coordinator of CRV programs at Carey.

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Jackson youths work at Crestwood Center

Seven youths from First Church, Jackson, cleaned the outside of a house at Crestwood Center on Bailey Avenue in Jackson, to prepare it for a paint job. The following week, July 22-26, volunteers from First Church, Haleyville, Ala. installed new windows and doors and painted the interior. The house is to be used for children's programs, according to Shari Barnes, associate director, Crestwood Center. Yet another group, a Sunday School class at First Church, Jackson, has adopted the house and has undertaken varied repair and remodeling projects there.

Earlier this summer, June 10-14, volunteers from First Church, Jackson, led in a Vacation Bible School at Crestwood Center. Forty-four youths taught in the school. They enrolled a total of 147 kids for the week.

The seven youths from First, Jackson, are, left to right, Christy Jeffcoats, Gaye Taylor Hederman, Elizabeth Dossett, Howard Thigpen, Sam Bass, Stacy Melton, and Courtney Lange.

FELLOWSHIP

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need a new name. The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, which was officially constituted in May, already has changed its name once.

Meanwhile, the SBA executive committee agreed to propose changing the name of the Southern Baptist Alliance to the Alliance of Baptists to reflect the growing distance from the Southern Baptist Convention.

In other news, the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and Baptist Cooperative Missions Program announced they are now sharing office space in Atlanta.

Duke McCall of Jupiter, Fla., chairman of the BCMP board, said the two

organizations "share a common purpose and a common budget."

"BCMP is merely a vehicle, a conduit for getting mission monies to the places desired by the Fellowship, or by donors of the funds," McCall said in an article in the newspaper Baptists Today. "It is only logical that we share offices with the Fellowship."

The joint office is temporarily located at 403 West Ponce de Leon Ave., Decatur, Ga. 30030. The mailing address is P.O. Box 450329, Atlanta, Ga. 30345.

Meanwhile, the Fellowship reportedly is receiving an average of \$300,000 in contributions per month and expects to take in \$4-5 million in 1991.

CAREY BSU

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music ensemble, drama, testimonies. They will be available on week nights and weekends to share in services or youth programs.

Local community mission projects will include involvement in nursing homes, literacy work, and kid's clubs.

On the Coast.

Gregg McBride will assume an expanded role at William Carey College on the Coast. In addition to his responsibilities as BSU director, he will coordinate all student activities working

under the Office of Academic and Student Services. The Coast campus BSU activities will enjoy a newly renovated BSU center where weekly Bible studies, Noondays, and special projects will be held.

The Southern Baptist Convention is the most ethnically diverse religious group in the United States, according to a recent survey. In 1989 the SBC was composed of 37,785 churches, of which 5,037 were labelled "ethnic" (minority language, racial or cultural groups within the U.S.).

BMC

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Newsom, who was a graduate of Blue Mountain, and a dietician. Before plans were drawn up, Newsom died. However, his wishes were carried out.

When President Fisher sent word money was available, Dear and Parks spent the night planning. After a day or two William Price, of Price's Cabinet Shop in Myrtle, drew up a small scale model.

Almond-colored cabinets and new self-cleaning ovens were installed; matching refrigerators were bought. Washers and dryers were set side by side in keeping with the theme, and lattice panels with formica tops were built around old steam radiators.

Mrs. Dear and her husband Grover

live in Memphis and she commutes to Blue Mountain. She teaches clothing-related courses and interior design. She got her Ph.D. at Oklahoma State with a specialty in interior design; a specialty degree from Memphis State; a master's from Ole Miss; and bachelor's degree from Delta State.

Eleanor Parks of New Albany teaches child development, foods, nutrition, meal management, housing and equipment, nursery school, and marriage and the family. She was graduated from the Mississippi University for Women with a degree in home economics, and obtained a master's degree from Ole Miss. She is also certified in special education.

Sneed is staff writer, THE NEW ALBANY GAZETTE, New Albany.

"Run for the Son": coming Aug. 24

First Church, Jackson, Family Life Center will sponsor the 6th annual Run for the Son 5K and one mile run/walk, Saturday, Aug. 24.

Last year over 700 runners and walkers participated, making it one of the largest races sanctioned by the Mississippi Track Club.

Features of this race include:

1. Collection of canned goods and clothing for distribution to the needy of Jackson through the Crestwood Baptist Mission Center.

2. Each child will receive a T-shirt, medal with ribbon, a slap bracelet, and a neon painter's hat. They will also be eligible to win one of over 30 trophies in various age division.

3. Over 150 trophies overall will be awarded, as well as over 100 door prizes will be given away. Each runner will receive a 100% cotton Run for

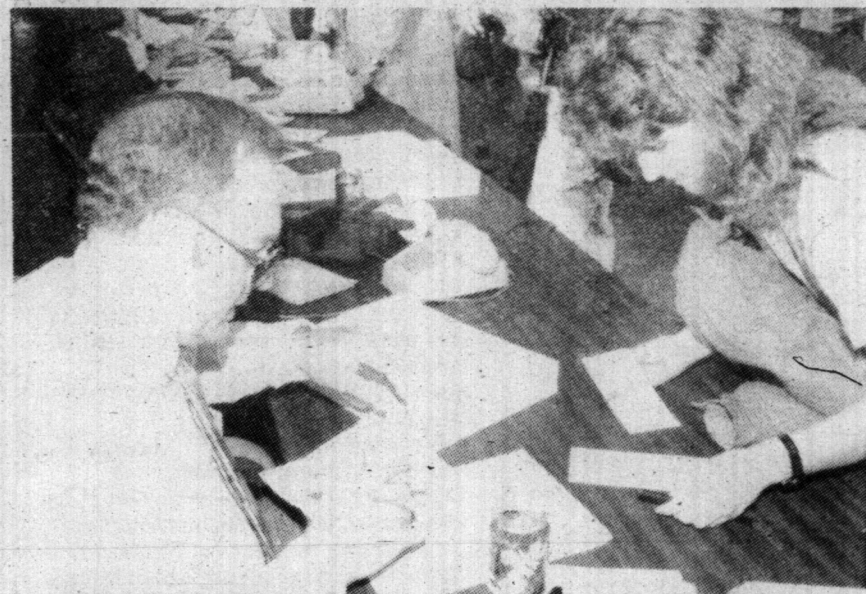
the Son T-shirt.

4. Friday evening, Aug. 23, a special "Pushers and Partners" race around the Capitol and supper will be offered for handicapped children and their parents. Especially designed racing chairs will be provided and will be pushed by friends or family members

who are interested in fitness and running, and want to give some of their energy and fun to a deserving child.

5. The race begins at the Capitol and will conclude at First Church, Family Life Center.

For further information, call Jim Baker, minister of activities, 949-1945.



THAT TIME AGAIN — Time is drawing near for Mississippi College students to start the registration process for the fall semester which begins Aug. 24. Kerney Shearer (left), assistant to the vice-president for business affairs, will be busy handling student loans and other financial matters. Financial aid is a vital part of the registration process.

Revival dates

Oakland, Corinth: Aug. 18-21; Sunday, 8:30 a.m., 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Mon.-Wed., 7 p.m.; Junior Hill, Hartselle, Ala., evangelist; Randy Bostick, pastor.

Ruth Church (Lincoln): Aug. 18-23; all lay-led revival; John O. Hemphill, pastor; Randy and Janice Carruth, music.

Wheeler Grove (Alcorn): Aug. 18-22; services, 7 nightly; Bobby Moore, Broadway Church, Olive Branch, evangelist; Dexter Benjamin, music; Kara Blackard, pastor.

Homecomings

Oak Grove, Smithdale: Aug. 18; 11 a.m.; covered dish in fellowship hall, noon; singing, 1 p.m.; D. Ray Watts, former pastor, Louisiana, guest speaker; Burnett Carraway, pastor; history of church to be read in afternoon; Marguerite White, historian.

MC

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Sunday will find the first-year students attending the church services of their choice. From 2:30-4:30 p.m. on Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Nobles will welcome the students with an Open House at their home.

Freshmen and transfers will continue orientation on Aug. 26. Mr. and Mrs. Nobles will host an Open House for transfer students at 10 a.m. in their home. Scheduling and advising for freshmen will begin at 1:30 p.m.

Registration is scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 27, in A. E. Wood Coliseum. Graduate and undergraduate

students attending evening school only will register in the A. E. Wood Coliseum on Monday, Aug. 26, from 5-7 p.m.

Classes will begin on Aug. 29. Classes will not meet on Sept. 2, because of the Labor Day holiday.

Activities Planned.

Following registration on Tuesday, students will gather in Swor Auditorium for a Talent Show at 7 p.m.

Thursday, after classes, freshmen will meet the 1991 Choctaw football team and cheerleaders at 5:15 p.m. and participate in the Clash of the Classes at 7 p.m.

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Seminary at Richmond releases doctrinal covenant

Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond has articulated its doctrinal stance in a new document made up of individual statements of belief from each of the seminary's professors as well as a joint covenant of the seminary community.

"This is a new way for an institution to identify itself," said BTR President Thomas H. Graves. "Rather than formulating a creed which we demand all employees sign, we issue this covenant together based on the leading of Christ and our clear affirmation of the authority of scripture."

"The individual professions of faith appended to the covenant reflect our Baptist value of personal freedom," Graves added.

The "Covenant of Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond" is "an attempt to communicate our faith to others as clearly as possible and to honor our non-creedal tradition as Baptists," according to the document.

Statements of faith by Graves and the school's two full-time professors, Linda McKinnish Bridges and G. Thomas Halbrooks, include declarations on salvation, scripture, the church, and personal freedom.

"This document allows each of us to express our faith in a very personal way," said Graves. "Without apology each of us proclaims our Christian faith and commitment to Biblical principles."

"At the same time, the joint covenant addresses how the seminary as an institution intends to function within the clear boundaries of our Christian tradition, our Baptist heritage and our reverence for Scripture."

In a series of eight pledges, the covenant affirms

... the Lordship of Jesus Christ; ... the importance of personal spiritual development;

... teaching of the scriptures as "sure and certain authority for understanding the nature of God, God's work in the world, and our role as servants in the Kingdom of God" and as "standing over all theories, interpretations, creeds, and confessions;"

... commitment to the ministry of the church;

... support of worldwide evangelism and missions;

... regard for all persons as children of God regardless of age, sex, or race and respect for God's call to ministry of any person, whether male or female, lay or clergy;

... the support of Baptist ideals of freedom of the individual, freedom of the local church, and freedom of church and state from one another;

... servant leadership lived out in "a life of ministry and care."

The seminary begins classes September 9.

COM to meet in Meridian

Campers on Mission will meet for their state rally Aug. 16-18 at Highland Park, Meridian.

Friday evening speaker will be Malcolm Lewis, pastor, Northcrest Church, Meridian, at 7 p.m. after supper at a local fish establishment.

Speaker for the Saturday night program will be John Jacob, pastor, First Assembly of God, Meridian, a converted Jew whose family fled Nazi Germany before Hitler closed the doors.

Sunday morning, the COM teams who traveled in camper caravan this summer to Alaska will give testimonies of their mission work there; Barbara Henson will bring the morning message.

Revival dates

Pilgrims Rest, Batesville: Aug. 18-23; Jack Maroon, First Church, Belmont, evangelist; Dot Heath, Pilgrims Rest, music; services, 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Billy Credille, pastor.

Southwood (Tishomingo): August 18-21; Harris Counce, director of missions, Prentiss Association, evangelist; Eugene Tennison, music; services, Sunday 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Mon.-Wed., 7 p.m.

East Morton (Scott): Aug. 18-21; Gene Douglas, New Prospect (Lincoln), evangelist; Leroy Stuart, Clinton, music; Tuesday, John Yates, special guest; Sun. 11 a.m.; Sun.-Wed., 7 p.m.; Tommy May, pastor.

Valley Park (Issaquena): Aug. 18-23; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; services, 11 a.m.; covered dish lunch; afternoon service at 1:30 p.m.; Mon.-Fri., 7:30 p.m.; Brad Banks, Straight Bayou Church, evangelist; Ron LaCaze, Goodrum Church, music; Bob Mack, pastor.

First, Aberdeen: Aug. 18-21; Bill Causey, evangelist; Franklin Denham, music; Sunday services, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Mon.-Wed., noon and 7 p.m.; Alan Kilgore, pastor.

Mt. Zion (Clarke): Aug. 18-23; Harold Lollar, Pine Forest Church, Meridian, evangelist; Jim Harris, Quitman, music; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Mon.-Fri., 7 p.m.; Chester Carlisle, pastor.

Rena Lara (North Delta): Aug. 18-23; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Mon.-Fri., 7:30 p.m.; Harvey Sewell, pastor, Crowder Church, Crowder, evangelist; Rusty Holcomb, Crowder Church, music; John Purvis, pastor.

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Staff changes

Gary Miller has accepted a call to become minister of music at Morrison Heights Church, Clinton. He has been



Miller

minister of music at the North Jacksonville Church, Jacksonville, Fla., since 1987, where under his leadership the music ministry placed in the top 15 in the state in numerical growth for three years and where

Miller appeared three times weekly in a local television ministry sponsored by the church. Also he has made guest appearances on Christian television networks in several other states and on ACTS. He is a graduate of Tennessee Tech and Southwestern Seminary.

Doug Cate began his work as minister of education and young adults at First Church in Greenville on Aug. 1. He went from Memorial Church in Tulsa, Okla. He is a graduate of the University of Tennessee and Southwestern.



Cate



Toney

First Church, Durant, has called Robert Toney, a senior at Mississippi College, as minister of music and youth. His previous place of service was Mt. Pleasant Church, Gloster.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Springdale Church (Tippah): July 22-28; Maurice Pinkston, pastor, reports five accepted Christ and they averaged 98 children and youth in the five day VBS period.

Names in the news



Concord Church (Tippah) held a dedication service at homecoming, May 12, for the new piano and organ in memory of Teddy Ledbetter, who was the church organist for a number of years. He was a deacon and Sunday School teacher of the Fellowship Class until time of his death, and had perfect attendance in Sunday School for 27 years. Other than members of the church paying tribute on the program were Doug Holland, Columbus; Jacqueline White, Patsy Johnson, and Louise Peeler, Booneville. Pictured, left to right, front row, his parents, Mrs. Eula and Edd Ledbetter; back row, Mrs. Imogene Hardon, chairman of the dedication service and member of the music committee; Mrs. Betty Ledbetter, sister-in-law; Luke Ledbetter, nephew; Jack Ledbetter, brother; and Bobby Smart, chairman of the deacons, and a member of the Fellowship Class. Others serving on the music committee were Pam Wallis, pianist; Lynn Corbin, organist; Betty Ledbetter, and Gerald Thompson, music director.



Friendship East Church, Charleston, honored Mrs. Vera Tribble on July 14. She has taught Sunday School for 32 years. A supper was held in her honor. Special guests were Billy Hill, a son and his wife, Louise; son, Terry Tribble, pastor of Rome Church, Sunflower Association, and his wife, Kathy, and daughter, Emily. Pictured are Kathy, Emily, and Terry Tribble; Vera Tribble; and Billy and Louise Hill.

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Just for the Record

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BAPTIST RECORD PAGE 13

New Orleans Seminary to offer course at Clarke College

New Orleans Seminary reactivated its School of Christian Training in 1976. The purpose of the School of Christian Training from its beginning has been to provide theological education for pastors and other staff members who are 25 years of age or older with a high school diploma but do not hold a baccalaureate degree. The School of Christian Training offers the associate of divinity degree, accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

The purpose of the off-campus center meeting at Clarke College in Newton is to make quality, accredited theological education available to pastors, staff members, and interested lay leaders in central Mississippi.

Beginning Aug. 26, two courses will be offered in the Fine Arts Building at Clarke College. At 2:30 p.m. on Mondays the course, "Basic Church Administration," will be taught by Chester Vaughn, former program director of the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

Fuller B. Saunders will teach "Introduction to the New Testament,"

from 6:30-10:00 p.m. on Mondays.

Any qualified student may enroll on the first day of class. Registration will be in the Fine Arts Building at Clarke College at 2 p.m. The matriculation fee is \$112.50 per course. For information, contact Fuller B. Saunders at 601-957-2670 or the School of Christian Training office at New Orleans at 1-800-NOBTS-01.

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Anding Church, Benton, will present The Magnolia State Quartet, Aug. 17, 7 p.m., and Aug. 18, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Joe Hill is pastor.

The youth choir of Highland Church, Vicksburg, will present "The Pledge" at Valley Park Church, Valley Park, Aug. 17 at 7 p.m. The musical will feature the songs of De Garmo and Key.

New books from Broadman

Holman Bible Dictionary (1456 pp; \$29.95- "Sale \$22.88"). Exhaustive definitions of people, places, and things... a vast storehouse of easy to use information.

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A History of the New Testament and Its Times by Robert L. Cate (348 pp; \$19.95). A study of the various cultures that shaped the world into which Jesus was born. Also, surveys the birth and growth of the Christian faith in the first-century world.

The Impossible Made Possible by Rob Bryant (190 pp; \$8.95). A paraplegic's incredible odyssey across America... including 14 pages of events in Mississippi.

Chapter and Verse: A Skeptic Revisits Christianity by Mike Bryan (Random House, 325 pp; \$22). He admits he arrived at Criswell College a lost soul and left the same way, but some things did happen.

Missionary news

Eddie and Marilyn Graves, missionaries to Chile, are on the field (address: Casilla 1417, Concepcion, Chile). They are natives of Mississippi. He is from Ripley, and she is the former Marilyn Lewis of Starkville.

Gregory and Karen Massey, missionaries to Argentina, are in the States (address: Rt. 12, Box 6, Meridian, MS 39305), their hometown. She is the former Karen Lawson.

Robert and Beverly Thomas, Baptist representatives to Yemen, are in the States (address: Rt. 2, Box E-1, Senatobia, MS 38668). A native of Tennessee, he was born in Etowah and lived in Memphis. The former Beverly Buford, she was born in Memphis, Tenn., and grew up in Senatobia.

Robert and Veronica Erwin, missionaries to Brazil, are on the field (address: Caixa Postal 200, 17600 Tupa, SP, Brazil). He was born in Alabama. She is the former Veronica (Ronnie) Wheeler of Sandersville, Miss.

Alvin and Mary Doyle, missionaries to Nigeria, have arrived on the field to begin their first term of service (address: P. O. Box 331, Jos, Plateau State, Nigeria). They were born in New Orleans, La., and consider Picayune their hometown. She is the former Mary Simmons.

Keith and Penny Stamps, missionaries to Guatemala, are in the States (address: 9218 Millwood, Rowlet, TX 75088). Son of Southern Baptist missionaries, he lived in several states and countries, but considers Clinton his hometown. The former Penny Turner, daughter of Southern Baptist missionary associates, she lived in several countries and considers Dallas, Texas, her hometown.



Liberty Church, Liberty, recently held a mother-daughter recognition service for its GAs. The theme was "On Your Mark, Get Set, GO!" First through third grade GAs (top picture) that received badges for Missions Adventures, left to right, are Ashley McCoy, Megan Seay, Mandy McGehee, Amy Leahey, Michelle Glenn, and April McCoy. Leaders are Jan Glenn and Debbie Johnson.

GAs, fourth through sixth grade (bottom picture) are Idalia Brecheen, Michael Lynn Tynes — level four, Jessica Johnson — level five, Page McGehee — level six and Missions Adventure Charm, Mary Leigh Havard, Darrah Johnson — level four. Leaders are Susan McGehee and Hettie Lynn Tynes.



Liberty Church, Liberty, Acteen Queens, recognized in a coronation service recently were back row, left to right, Nicole Pelengaris, Kimberly Havard, Brandi Walsh, Shelley Tynes, Barbara Higgins, and Christy Johnson. Crown bearers, left to right, are Will Ratcliff, Brooke Bateman, Brittany Walsh, Megan Revels, Daniel Forman, and Joshua Forman. The theme of the service was "Something Beautiful." Leaders are Mary Ann Ratcliff and Winnie Brecheen.



Youths of Leaf River Church, Pineville, Smith Association, traveled to Eureka Springs, Ark. for a retreat July 8-11. "The highlight of the trip was that four of the youths accepted Christ as Saviour and Lord, and another requested baptism," reports James McIntosh, youth worker with group. This happened following Bible study at the motel, after the group had seen the Passion Play. Kneeling, left to right, are Shane Vice, Joey Childs, Anthony Sorey; standing, Tena Wiggins, Teresa McNeil, Melissa McNeil, Paula Boone, Jeanne Childs, Amy Thornton, Cory Nelson, Derrick Martin. Back row, Tom Nelson, Nathan Johnson, Michael Nelson. Not pictured, Ernestine McNeil and James McIntosh, youth workers; and chaperones, Charles and Dot Shirley, Jeanette Simpson, and J. T. and Glenda Childs. The pastor is Raybon Richardson.

Homecomings

Oak Grove, Shubuta: Aug. 18; services, 11 a.m.; Dennis Duvall, Philadelphia, guest speaker; covered dish in fellowship hall, noon; Harold Hollingsworth Jr., Meridian, guest speaker; Billy Whittaker, pastor.

Valley Park (Issaquena): Aug. 18; 11 a.m.; Brad Banks, pastor, Straight Bayou Church, guest speaker; covered dish lunch; 1:30, afternoon service. Bob Mack, pastor.

Proper motivation: go and do likewise

By Don Dobson

2 Kings 5:8, 15-16, 20-22, 25-26

The story is told of an old decrepit horse, that would always win the races in which it was entered. The race would start and the horse would refuse to run until the rider bent down and whispered in the animal's ear. After this it would suddenly bolt off and win. One day, a reporter asked the rider just what he was saying to the horse. The jockey replied, "Everytime I bend down I say these simple lines to the animal,



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"Roses are red
Violets are blue
Horses that lose
Are made into glue."

The horse was indeed properly motivated. As you and I continue to serve God, we should maintain proper motivation.

The story of Elisha and Naaman helps us to

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evaluate our motivation for serving the Lord. Actually, there are three characters with whom we must deal. Naaman is obviously the one in need. Elisha stands as our example for proper motivation, while Gehazi gives us an example of improper motivation.

Naaman had the dreaded disease of leprosy. Elisha described the less than orthodox cure. Naaman was healed. He offered to pay the prophet. Elisha refused the payment. The servant Gehazi plotted to receive the reward offered. Naaman presented the payment to the servant. Later, Gehazi was punished for his greed.

Because of the account in 2 Kings 5, we learn that . . .

I. Proper Motivation Lends Service to the Down and Out (v. 8).

Naaman was suffering from the most feared disease of his time. There was no known cure for leprosy. He was destined for a life of pain

and loneliness. Through the efforts of a little servant girl, he heard of one in Israel who could bring about healing by the power of his God. The prophet consented to help the leper. The contrasting point of this is that Naaman was a Syrian. He represented the enemy of Israel, but he did need help. Proper service dictates that we help those in need.

II. Proper Motivation Lends Service to Even Those that Doubt.

Naaman could hardly believe his ears when he heard the cure. No doubt there were cleaner rivers than the Jordan! He simply doubted the word of the prophet, thus doubting the word of God.

When we encounter the doubter, we should also strive to help and to minister. As Christians, our motivation should be to lead them to a real and vibrant relationship with God. After all, even Thomas doubted.

III. Motivation Should Not be Based on Deceit (vv. 20-22).

Gehazi saw the opportunity to gain something by deceit. Here is a perfect example of allow-

ing our motivation for personal gain to override our ethics. Gehazi had nothing to do with the healing of Naaman, but through greed he became deceitful. He saw a quick way to turn a profit. Unfortunately, he turned a prophet against him.

There are those today who continue to minister in the Lord's name while financially deceiving honest people.

IV. Deceitful Motivation Often Leads to Additional Dishonesty (vv. 22, 25).

Gehazi was not only greedy; he was also a liar. He lied to Naaman (v. 22). He later lied to Elisha (v. 25). The little saying, "O what a wicked web we weave when we practice to deceive," is more than applicable here. Gehazi teaches us that with deceitful and dishonest objectives, one may gain the externals, but lose the values of life.

Conclusion:

Proper motivation for serving the Lord is couched in the words of Jesus, "Go and do likewise."

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Laying it all on the line for God

By Kiely D. Young

Nehemiah 9:38-10:39

A youth minister friend shared a testimony of commitment that many may find similar to theirs. There had been a time in his life when



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he doubted his salvation. He said he wanted to make certain of his walk with the Lord. He wanted to drive down a stake in his life. He wanted to remember that he belonged to God and from that point forward his life would be fully committed to serving God.

Nehemiah led leaders of Israel to put down a stake, make a written commitment, a covenant with God. They wanted to put past mistakes behind and take positive steps for the future with rearranged priorities. In 9:38, "We are making an agreement in writing; . . . on a sealed document." This was not just a casual commitment of a few people. This includes the priests, the Levites, the leaders of families, the gatekeepers, the singers, the temple servants, . . . all those who had separated themselves from the peoples of the lands to the law of God, . . . all who had knowledge and understanding" (v. 28).

This was a declaration of distinction. It mattered not what those outside the wall would do or think, or even what some inside the wall would do or think. They would put in writing, with their signatures, the priorities they intend-

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ed to follow. They were "taking on themselves a curse and an oath to walk in God's law, which was given through Moses . . . to keep and observe all the commandments of God our Lord" (v. 29).

THEY COMMITTED THEIR HOMES AND FAMILIES (v. 30). "We will not give our daughters to the peoples of the land or take their daughters for our sons." They made a commitment to keep their homes pure. They were surrounded by heathen tribes and pagan people. They could easily lose their distinctiveness as "the people of God" by yielding their homes to pagan influence.

When the morals of a nation are under stress, the home is the first to suffer. Billy Graham put it this way, "The immutable law of sowing and reaping has held sway. We are now the hapless possessors of moral depravity and we seek in vain for a cure. The tares of indulgence have overgrown the wheat of moral restraint. Our homes have suffered . . . When the morals of a society are upset, the family is the first to suffer. The home is the basic unit of society and a nation is only as strong as her homes" (WORLD AFLAME, p.22).

THEY COMMITTED THEIR BUSINESSES, (v. 31) "As for the peoples of the land who bring wares or any grain on the sabbath day to sell, we will not buy from them on the sabbath or

a holy day; and we will forego the crops the seventh year and the exaction of every debt." They were committed to work hard six days a week, but the seventh day was set aside for God. They would cease from sowing and reaping in the seventh year to give the land a rest. And in the seventh year they would release a brother from remaining debt. Their business would be dedicated to God.

The distinction of a godly leader is that when he does business, he does it with integrity. He puts in a day's work for a day's pay and when he turns in an expense account, he doesn't pad the record.

A farmer friend in west Texas came to me one day and said following a recommitment to Christ he was having a problem. He shared that he had a section of land planted that just seemed to be going bad no matter what he tried. He wanted prayers for wisdom. The next week he came by and said he had figured out his problem. He had planted that section of land on Sunday! He said he would never do that again. His whole farm belonged to God.

THEY COMMITTED THEIR FIRST FRUITS TO GOD. Verse 32, "We also place ourselves under obligation to contribute yearly one third of a shekel for the service of the house of our God." Verse 35, "and . . . bring the first fruits of our ground and the first fruits of all the fruit of every tree to the house of the Lord annually." This practice had been neglected by past generations, but this generation was committed to placing God first in everything.

Some still have difficulty understanding

God's plan of economy. Yet, if we will put him first, even in our resources, he will provide for our every need. Malachi 3:10 "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse so that there may be food in My house, and test Me now in this," says the Lord of hosts, "if I will not open for you the windows of heaven, and pour out for you a blessing until there is no more need."

THEY COMMITTED THEIR PLACE OF WORSHIP. Nine times in Nehemiah 10:32-39 the "house of the Lord" or "the house of God" is mentioned, concluding with verse 39, "Thus we will not neglect the house of our God." The place of worship for Nehemiah's day was the temple. This was the dwelling place of God; therefore, everything they brought to God, they brought to the temple. They were determined to keep God first in everything.

As Christians we must also remember the day Christ died, the veil in the temple leading into the Holy of Holies was torn in two by the power of God upon the death of Christ. Christ tells us now the house of God is right within us. I Cor. 6:19, 20, "Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body."

Charles Swindoll states three life-changing principles gleaned from Nehemiah 10. First, serious thought precedes significant change. Second, written plans confirm right priorities. And third, a loss of distinction and conformity to the world go hand in hand.

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The kingdom divided — how to split a kingdom

By Randy W. Turner

1 Kings 12:1-33

How do you split a kingdom? This passage of scripture provides an easy way to follow recipe. One sentence, verse 15, draws back the curtain



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for a moment and shows us the true cause. There is something very striking in that one flash which reveals the enthroned God working through the ignoble strife which makes up the rest of the story. The recipe for splitting a kingdom is as follows:

I. Start with an arrogant and foolish king (1 Kings 12:1-12). As Rehoboam comes on the scene, the one sensible thing that he did was to take three days to think. Whether or not his little finger was thicker than his father's loins, his head was not half so wise. Ecclesiastes, speaking in Solomon's name, thinks it a great evil that he must leave his labor to his successor. Who knows whether he shall be a wise man or a fool? Certainly Rehoboam had little wisdom either of the higher or lower kind. It was the lower kind which the old counselors

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of his father gave him, that wisdom which is mere cunning directed to selfish ends careless of honor or truth. "Flatter them today; promise what you do not mean to keep and then when you are firm in the saddle, let them feel bit and spur." The prizes of politicians are often still won by this stale device. If that was what passed for wisdom in Solomon's latter days, we need not wonder at revolt.

The fool always thinks himself wiser than the wise dead. The living dog fancies that his yelp is louder than the roar of the dead lion. So Rehoboam felt about his wisdom as compared to that of Solomon. The threat which follows is inconceivably foolish, all the more so because it probably did not represent any definite intention and certainly was backed by no force adequate to carry it out. Passion and offended dignity are the worst guides for conduct. Threats are always mistakes. A bucket of oats, not a whip, attracts a horse to the halter. If Rehoboam had wished to split the kingdom he could have found no better wedge than his blistering promise of tyranny.

II. Stir in angry and harsh responses to the people (1 Kings 12:13-15). Next in this miserable story of imbecility and arrogance comes the answer to the assembly. A dozen rash words brought about 400 years of strife, weakness, and final destruction. Neither the foolish speaker nor any man in that crowd dreamed of the unnumbered evils to flow from that hour. Issues are often not as important as motives. No nation can prosper when moderate complaints are met by threats. This is true of nations and individuals.

Here the historian draws back the curtain on earth and the insolent king and the now mutinous people, each driving at their ends and neither free of sin in their selfishness. A stormy scene of passion without thought of God rages below and above sits the Lord working his great purpose. The greatest crime in the world's history was at the same time the accomplishment of God's most merciful purpose. Calvary is the highest example of the truth which embraces all lesser instances of the wrath of man which he makes to praise him and affect his deep designs. The rending of the kingdom was the punishment of sin. This one piercing beam of light cast on the scene of insolence and

rebellion lights up all history and gives the principle on which it must be interpreted if it is not to be misread.

III. Add an equally arrogant and foolish rival (1 Kings 12:19-20, 25-33). Jeroboam was the rival that would complete the split. Jeroboam must have fanned the flames skillfully or it would not have burst out so quickly. There was no hesitation nor any regret. Long pent up jealousy and dislike of the dynasty of David has got breath at last. That roar from a thousand voices meant a good deal more than the king's vain threats did. God was not in all their thoughts. An enterprise begun in disregard of him is fated to failure. The only sure foundations of a nation are the fear of the Lord and the obedience to his will. If politics have no religious basis, the Lord will blow upon them and they will be as stubble.

So, if you want to split a kingdom, start with an arrogant and foolish king. Stir in angry and harsh responses to the people. Add an equally arrogant and foolish rival to lead the revolt. Allow to come to a boil (it won't take long) and you've got a full-blown schism. Result: A kingdom is split.

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DISCOVER THE DIFFERENCE

That was the theme of Spiritual Emphasis Week for the children and staff of The Baptist Children's Village. Children, youth and staff from each of our six locations met on The India Nunnery Campus near Jackson for three days of special programs led by the youth of First Baptist Church, Jackson. We want to express our thanks to Mrs. Cindy Townsend

and the youth of First Baptist Church, Jackson for all of the work and prayer that went into preparing and leading such a wonderful event. God blessed the efforts of all with many who gave their hearts and lives to the Lord and many others who renewed their commitment to live a Christ centered life.



Rev. Chris Elkins
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Meadow Grove Church youth group teaches kids of Carver Village the "swim." Carver Village is a crime-troubled area of Pascagoula. — Photo by Mike O'Quin

Youths share God's love with Carver Village children

By Mike O'Quin

The youth group that "other churches would kill for" daily visited Carver Village performing energetic puppet shows and teaching the Bible to kids and teenagers of the crime-troubled area of Pascagoula.

Ralph Hall, youth director of Meadow Grove Church from Brandon, said other churches would be envious of the dedication of his group, which packed their week with Vacation Bible Schools, musicals, and puppet shows.

The trip was coordinated by the Jackson County Baptist Association. Hall said the mission trip was the group's fourth, and so they were experienced enough to handle the tight schedule of church performances, and mature enough to minister in poorer areas of town.

The group came with a "simple message, that God loves them and cares for them," he said.

"We do not just tell them that, we

show them. We try to earn their trust, so they can realize we care for them."

The group accomplished this with consistency and enthusiasm, he said. At their daily puppet shows underneath the Carver Village pavilion, the 15 or so members of the youth group would dance with the kids during numbers sung by puppet and human alike.

About 10 teenagers coolly sat back as 60 kids danced with the visiting group to such tunes as "Pharaoh, Pharaoh" (a biblical take-off of "Louie, Louie") and an upbeat version of "This Little Light of Mine."

"You might call it a radically different puppet show," Hall said.

After the kids finally settled down, the youth group taught lessons from the Bible. Hall said that the puppet show came first to get the kids' attention, and that when it was over they were ready to listen.

"I learned more stuff about the

Lord," attested Jermaine McGilberry, a 12-year-old resident of Carver Village. He said he liked the week because of "the music, the message, and there was a lot of nice people out here."

Robby Hall, a 17-year-old youth group member, said he hopes the message sticks with the kids. "We're trying to prevent one person from becoming a gang member," he said. "We want to let them know they don't have to do anything bad because God loves them."

Carver Village resident Bronstine Miller, a camp counselor, said she was impressed how the group kept the kids under control and was thankful that they came.

"You don't find kids running around and learning about Jesus every day," she said.

O'Quin is on the staff of Miss. Press, Pascagoula.

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BAPTIST SCHOOLS EXPAND EXCHANGES WITH SOVIETS — **ARKADELPHIA, Ark. (BP)** — Despite world instability and war, Southern Baptist colleges and universities have expanded their international programs in the last year — especially in the Soviet Union. Southern Baptist institutions have signed agreements to exchange students and teachers with sister schools in exotic spots like Tashkent, Alma-Ata, Bishkek, and Baku as these capitals of once-isolated Soviet republics eagerly seek Western aid. Grant's own institution, Ouachita, is the "flagship" school for consortium relationships with the Soviet republic of Uzbekistan. Four other Southern Baptist institutions — Baylor University, Mississippi College, Belmont College and Samford University — also agreed to exchanges there after sending representatives to meet Uzbek officials in Tashkent last October. An Uzbek delegation visited the United States earlier last year. Meanwhile, Mississippi College has expanded its Soviet relationships to the republic of Kirghizia in addition to its participation in Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan. The college played host to a Kirghiz delegation in January to discuss possibilities.

CITY OF SAN DIEGO RELENTS, WILL ALLOW HOME BIBLE STUDY: **SAN DIEGO, Calif. (EP)** — The city of San Francisco has told Mary Jane Reynolds that she can once again conduct Bible studies from her home — for now. According to the *Southern California Christian Times*, the city in June rescinded its order to Reynolds. The order had informed her that her eight-member home Bible study group, part of the small group ministry of First Baptist Church, was in violation of city zoning laws. The city's March letter said the weekly Bible study group constituted a church because it "extended the church into the residential community." The action was prompted by a complaint from one of Reynolds' neighbors over parking. Reynolds' attorney Cyrus Zal of the Rutherford Institute had threatened to sue the city over the matter, and said the city's decision to drop the matter was "a clear admission that they did something wrong." He added, "I think it's obvious that they were way off base legally. They didn't have legal grounds to stand on."

PROCTER & GAMBLE REVISES BEDEVILED LOGO: **CINCINNATI, Ohio (EP)** — Procter & Gamble is "modernizing" its man-in-the-moon logo which has been a source of controversy and ill-founded rumors of satanic involvement. The company denies that the change is being made to quell false rumors the logo is a satanic symbol. The new logo eliminates some curls of hair that could be taken to look like the number six. The logo will continue to show a bearded man in a crescent moon, surrounded by stars, but with a more streamlined look.

ZONDERVAN RECYCLES: GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (EP) — Zondervan, a leading Christian publishing company, is responding to a growing concern to protect environmental resources by adding a program of office paper recycling to its current policy of recycling cardboard and computer paper. "This is another step forward in our desire to be responsible stewards," says James G. Buick, president and CEO of Zondervan. "Our company mission statement reads in part that our objective is to glorify God, serve Jesus Christ, and be good stewards. Taking an active role in conservation and acting responsibly with the earth's resources is one demonstration of that objective." Zondervan has saved an estimated 2,971 trees, 76,178 gallons of oil, and 2,316 cubic yards of landfill space during the last year by recycling.

BULGARIANS CROWD CHURCHES SAYS BAPTIST LEADER: VARNA, BULGARIA — "Bulgarian churches are full, and people are being converted in every service." So reports Boshidar Igoff, General Secretary of the Bulgarian Baptist Union. "It is a new miracle day in Bulgaria," he said. "In every service people are responding to the Gospel and praying to receive Christ. Our meeting halls and church rooms are full." Igoff explained this encouraging situation is not only true in Baptist churches, but in all Christian churches. "People have been hungry for so long. I think this is a wonderful possibility for us." However, Igoff fears the influx of materialistic thinking from the West in future. "Later on, we will likely have so many problems with Western materialism; now is the best time to witness," he said. — EBPS

Girls ask:

"Why do boys try to act 'cool' around us?"

By Terri Lackey

COLD SPRINGS, Calif. (BP) — Girls want to know why boys always try to act so "cool" around them, what guys look for in a girl and if it's OK to ask boys out on a date.

They also wonder why teenage boys are "always thinking about sex" and how far is "too far" when it comes to sexual relations.

Kevin Sigsby, camp director for the West Coast Centrifuge traveling team, answered the questions, written anonymously, during a "For Girls Only" class held at a Centrifuge camp at Jeness Park Baptist Assembly in Cold Springs, Calif., July 29-Aug. 2.

Sigsby, who has been on Centrifuge staffs for the past eight summers, visited the class once just to answer girls' questions about boys. He said boys always try to act so cool around girls because "sometimes guys just don't know how they are supposed to act. So instead of saying something stupid, they act reserved."

Asked about why guys "think it is so

important to put girls down," Sigsby said guys are sometimes unaware about how harshly they come across to girls.

Because they don't talk about their feelings as freely as girls, Sigsby said boys are not as sensitive to the feelings of others.

Sometimes they just don't know how deeply some things hurt. Sometimes they just say things that come out badly."

When questioned about the guidelines of girls asking guys out on dates, Sigsby said boys are sometimes relieved to have girls doing the asking.

"Sometimes it's nice to have someone else in charge for a change," said Sigsby, a member of Holladay Baptist Church in Salt Lake City.

"It's sometimes scary for a guy to ask a girl out. If the girl says 'no,' the guy starts questioning himself," said Sigsby. "Guys are afraid of rejection and being vulnerable."

Sigsby suggested girls who ask boys

out on dates make it clear who is paying and who will drive.

He also said if a girl does not want to go out on a date with a guy "for whatever reason," she should tell him so "in a nice way."

"If you don't want to go, just say No. I would much rather you say No, thank-you' than string me out for a long time."

When asked what 15-year-old guys look for in a girl, Sigsby answered beauty first, then personality.

"To be honest, the first thing they notice is how you look. But past that, they begin to find out what kind of person you are."

"I think guys like girls who are fun, not air-heads or space cadets. They want girls who have sense and can think for themselves."

Once you start spending time with someone, you want them to have a brain and you want to have common interests."

In answer to one girl's question,

"Why do guys just have one thing on their minds," Sigsby said, "Sex is not the number one thing on guys' minds."

"If you're running around with guys that think like that, then I would question if these are really the folks you want to be hanging around with."

"Sports is the thing most guys spend their time talking about, thinking about and looking forward to," Sigsby said.

The question of "how far is too far to go in sexual relations" can be answered in the Bible, Sigsby said.

"I am a Christian, and as a Christian, I believe what the Bible says, 'Sexual relations are wrong outside of marriage.'"

"Do I think kissing is wrong? No. But I think heavy petting and caressing and anything that could lead to sexual relations is wrong," said Sigsby. "When you are manipulating another person to get what you want, that is wrong."

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